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The "China Mail" joins the many who congratulated Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar, two of the most popular turfites of Hong Kong, on bringing off the "great double" for the first—and we hope not the last—time in their China pony career.

After winning the Derby last year, Mr. Dunbar failed to annex the Champions although he had three candidates in the field. Elliot Bay and Chesapeake Bay then ran second and third to King of Hearts. At the last Shanghai (autumn) meeting, King of Hearts beat Chesapeake Bay who turned the tables on Elliot Bay.

THE LADIES' PURSE.

There was absolutely no element of fluke about Elliot Bay's smashing victory to-day when he lowered the record set up by Triumphant Dahlia in 1916.

Elliot Bay's time was returned as 2 minutes, 32.4/5 seconds. And the course he ran on to-day was considerably slower than that of 1916 when Triumphant Dahlia won the Champions in 2 minutes, 33.2/5 seconds.

The full time covered was as follows:—27.3/5, 55.1/5, 1.29.2/5, 2.00.1/5, 2.32.4/5.

This return is also better than the records for the 1/2 mile—0.58 in 1925 (by Gypsy Love).

1 mile—2.02.2/5 in 1916 (also by Triumphant Dahlia).

These, however, will not go down as official records which are only

at the foot of the incline, Elliot Bay sensationally swept past Chesapeake Bay who was immediately pulled up. Bengal continued to chase Elliot Bay, three lengths behind, with Pickle another three lengths behind and Heir Apparent another five lengths in arrears.

Rounding the village bend, Elliot Bay had a commanding lead and was steadily drawing away from Bengal who was second here and receding back to Pickle. Heir Apparent was a bad fourth at this stage.

Elliot Bay led strongly into the straight with Bengal and Pickle fighting it out for second place far in the rear and Heir Apparent all out on the rails for fourth.

Elliot Bay won as he liked. At the mile post, Pickle gradually forged ahead and beat Bengal by two lengths for second place in a gruelling struggle. Heir Apparent was a bad fourth.

Elliot Bay was a hot favourite, starting at nearly two to one on.

Morning's Attraction.

The principal attraction of the morning was the Ladies' Purse, but although it was Ladies' Day, there was a slight falling off in the attendance before lunch. There was no change in the generally enjoyable conditions throughout the meeting except for a slight drizzle now and again. Later on, the crowd was just as big as on any of the first two days.

The Regimental and Pipe Bands of the 2nd Batt., King's Own Scottish Borderers rendered enjoyable diversion.

Arrangements were again admirable both on and off the course.

Popular Victories.

Favourites had a better day to-day but exceptional dividends could not be kept out. Masonic Hall repaid his 45 supporters handsomely and, incidentally, raced determinedly to secure for Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., the biggest Chinese owner, his first victory of the meeting. Mr. Ho has had very bad luck in training and in racing and he received an ovation on leading his pony in.

Another popular victory was that of New Year's Eve for the American Cup, Sir Victor Sassoon's pony just dispossessing Coos Bay, who ran for Mr. L. Dunbar, who had won with San Francisco Bay last year.

Hardly a race was completed without a thrill and some of the finishes were close and gruelling.

Distinguished Gathering.

One of the most distinguished assemblies in the grand stand watched the time-honoured ceremony in connection with the Ladies' Purse. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) and Lady Clementi were present, as were also H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard) and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

On behalf of the ladies of Hong Kong, Miss Luard presented Mr. H. ("Buffy") Maitland, who won the race on Mr. L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay, with the Ladies' Purse. Mr. C. G. Mackie, one of the Jockey Club stewards, introduced Mr. Maitland, who presented Miss Luard with a bouquet tied in the Club's colours.

Change in Procedure. After thanking Miss Luard, Mr. Maitland said that he had the

honour of winning on Booran in 1925, was very pleased indeed to be successful again this year, and hoped that he would be fortunate enough to win when he came down (from Shanghai) again. Three rousing cheers were then called and given and then Mr. Maitland escorted Miss Luard to tiffin.

In passing, it is recalled that a departure was made this time owing to a change in the programme. The race for the Governor's Cup was held on the first day and not the third. Consequently, there was no public presentation by His Excellency to Mr. L. Dunbar who won with Elliot Bay, also ridden by Mr. Maitland.

1.—FOOCHOW CUP—winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale, ponies that have run at any previous meeting in Hong Kong, Macao or China and have never won a race and griffins of this meeting allowed 5 lb. subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 10 lb. jockey allowance, entrance \$10. Two miles.

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's San Diego 158 lbs. 1 (Mr. Stanton)

Mr. Loo Cheuk-suen's U On II 153 lbs. 2 (Mr. Wong)

Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call 158 lbs. 3 (Mr. Maitland)

Mr. L. Dunbar's Hudson Bay 153 lbs. 0 (Mr. Charles)

Mr. Gubbays's Soho 144 lbs. 0 (Mr. Froulx)

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gomer 158 lbs. 0 (Mr. Sewell)

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Mish Mish 149 lbs. 0 (Mr. Erskine)

Mr. F. Usher's Castle 152 lbs. 0 (Mr. Usher)

Time: 4.31.2/5.
4 lengths; a neck.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.70; Places: 1st \$5.40; 2nd \$3.10; 3rd \$5.40.

2.—GRAND STAND STAKES—winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies bona fide griffins of this meeting, weight for inches as per scale; winners of one race 7 lb., of two or more races 10 lb. extra; subscription griffins of this meeting—winners: no penalty, non-winners: allowed 5 lb. (jockey allowance), entrance \$10. Six furlongs.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve 158 lbs. 1 (Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. Chan Tin-sin's Winsome Stag 158 lbs. 2 (Mr. Maitland)

Mr. R. J. Paterson's November 158 lbs. 3 (Mr. Bulteel)

Mr. K. H.'s Chemical 158 lbs. 0 (Mr. Sewell)

Time: 1.30.1/5.
3/4 length; 2 1/2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$12.50; Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$5.40.

3.—LADIES' PURSE—presented, \$400 each for winner, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies, weight for inches as per scale, winners at this meeting other than subscription griffins 5 lb. extra, jockey allowance, entrance \$10. About 7 furlongs, 55 yards.

Mr. L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay 163 lbs. 1 (Mr. Maitland)

Mr. H. P. White's San Francisco (late San Francisco Bay) 163 lbs. 2 (Mr. Charles)

Mr. F. Usher's Warrington 153 lbs. 3 (Mr. Usher)

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel 156 lbs. 0 (Mr. Heard)

Mr. Eve's Misty Eve 158 lbs. 0 (Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Teze Lon 155 lbs. 0 (Mr. G. Da Rosa)

Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy's Macao Beauty 155 lbs. 0 (Mr. Reidy)

Time: 1.54.3/5.
2 lengths; 3 lengths.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.30; Places: 1st \$6.00; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$13.50.

4.—HONG KONG STAKES—winner \$1,000, second \$300, third \$200, for subscription griffins of this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, winner of the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup 7 lb. extra, winners of other races 5 lb. extra, jockey allowance, entrance \$10. One mile and a half.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Masonic Hall 155 lbs. 1 (Mr. Wong)

Mr. George's Hornford 155 lbs. 2 (Mr. Haimovitch)

Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes 152 lbs. 3 (Mr. G. da Rosa)

Mr. R. M. Austin's Social Call 150 lbs. 0 (Mr. Wallace)

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Ploughman 155 lbs. 0 (Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Lomond II 155 lbs. 0 (Mr. Reidy)

HAVE YOU WON?

To-day's Cash Sweeps at a Glance.

ALL THE LUCKY NUMBERS.

Below are given the results of the cash sweeps at to-day's races. Drawers of unplaced starters get \$50 each except where stated.

Race I.
No. 87 \$777.00
" 446 222.00
" 181 111.00
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 72, 248, 345, 75, 315.

Race II.
No. 515 \$1,569.40
" 251 448.40
" 325 224.20
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—No. 210.

Race III.
No. 186 \$1,705.20
" 46 487.20
" 657 243.60
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 601, 579, 107, 193.

Race IV.
No. 770 \$1,899.80
" 325 542.80
" 769 271.40
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 368, 711, 698, 299, 456, 619, 362, 184, 56.

Race V.
No. 551 \$4,025.00
" 1110 1,150.00
" 151 575.00
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—No. 1101.

Race VI.
No. 201 \$3,875.00
" 1937 1,050.00
" 187 525.00
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 1319, 687, 938.

Race VII.
No. 698 \$4,725.00
" 763 1,350.00
" 656 675.00
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 471, 308, 1229, 1213, 466, 1108, 98, 586, 1675.

Race VIII.
No. 7217 \$38,896.10
" 1309 10,484.60
" 8253 5,242.80
" 3770 2,912.50
" 3855 2,912.50

Race IX.
No. 622 \$4,585.00
" 34 1,210.00
" 304 655.00
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 1224, 1339, 1436, 297, 1014, 661, 1148, 986, 1278.

Race X.
No. 24 \$3,796.60
" 485 1,085.80
" 1312 542.80
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 268, 976, 454, 794, 3, 637.

Race XI.
No. 1309 \$3,561.60
" 940 1,047.60
" 816 508.80
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 1220, 177, 1160, 1450, 1042, 1202, 689, 657, 952, 1085, 380, 920, 216, 350, 371, 311.

FRESH AND OVERCAST.

North to N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The depression has deepened and passed into the Pacific. The anticyclone is central over N.E. China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

EARL OXFORD.

Famous Statesman Dead.

GREAT LIBERAL LEADER.

Passes Away After Short Illness.

London, To-day. The death has occurred of Lord Oxford and Asquith.—Reuter.

[An earlier message stated that the Earl of Oxford and Asquith has developed acute pharyngitis.



with signs of bronchitis. His condition is of the gravest. He is unconscious. The family has been summoned.]

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, better known as Mr. H. H. Asquith, was born at Morley, Yorkshire, on September 12, 1852. He has been Leader of the Liberal Party since the resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in April, 1908, and was Prime Minister continuously from that date until December, 1916. He entered Parliament in 1886, and represented East Fife-shire without a break until his defeat in the General Election of 1918. Re-entering the House at a by-election in 1920, he represented Paisley until his rejection at the poll last year.

Mr. Asquith's first office was that of Home Secretary, to which he was appointed in Mr. Gladstone's fourth Ministry in 1892. In Opposition from 1895 until 1905, he became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Government.

Educated at the City of London School and at Balliol, Mr. Asquith was called to the Bar in 1875 and took silk in 1880. He was at one time a leader-writer on the "Spectator." He took a prominent part as one of the counsel for the Irish members before the Parnell Commission.

Two Periods. Two periods, already well attested and documented by contemporary memoirs, stand out in Mr. Asquith's Parliamentary career. The first was that which followed his succession to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as Prime Minister.

During the years between 1908 and 1914 Mr. Asquith was the leader of a Cabinet which had more than a usual complement of strong personalities and embraced a wide range of political conviction from the Right to the Left of Liberalism. Colleagues of both shades of view have paid tribute to the patience, the imperturbability, and the reserve of strength which enabled him to ride the most stubborn controversies through to an agreement.

The second period opened with August, 1914. Those first months of the war will stand as the climax of Mr. Asquith's Premiership.

The clash of conviction in

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NOT YET READY?

CANTON AND THE COMMUNISTS.

THE SWABUE SOVIET.

Crack Troops Watching Potential Enemies.

RED DANGER IN HINTERLAND OF SWATOW.

Promise of immediate action against the Swabue Communists and the Blas Bay pirates has not been fulfilled. Intelligence from reliable sources is that the Canton Government is still not ready to proceed with restoring order in its confines. Most of the crack troops are engaged in watching potential enemies.

No concerted move has been made on the Reds of Hoifung and Lukfung as has been stated. In fact, the danger seems to have spread towards the hinterland of Swatow, from which troops are being removed for political reasons—and not with a view towards wiping out the evil.

A section of political opinion in Canton favours rapprochement with Chiang Kai-shek but General Li Chai-sum has shown no change in his policy.

GOVERNMENT POLICY.

In spite of military action having been initiated with a flourish of trumpets, the Red evil in that part of Kwangtung province between Blas Bay and Swatow has not abated. Worse still, an unconfirmed report says that a small band of roving Communists has stolen in the rear of a column of 3,000 men sent by General Li Chai-sum from Hoifung (on the East River, 180 miles from Canton) against the Swabue Soviets, and has entered the outskirts of this thriving inland township.

News from the hinterland of Swatow (i.e., in the lower Han River basin) is still disquieting.

Far from taking fright at the approach of two bodies of regulars against their area, the Communists seem to have spread out somewhat.

Troops Leave Red Zone. Political causes of transfers of military forces away from the Red zone has tended to favour the Reds. Units of the 11th Army, hitherto in and around Swatow, are rapidly removing to Canton now that their commander, General Chen Ming-chu, is there as a new colleague of General Li Chai-sum, the commander-in-chief of the province. A division under General Chen Tachun, which previously garrisoned territory near the Red districts of Hoifung and Lukfung, has trekked across the Fukien frontier and is now in Chelung to re-join Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who is at loggerheads with Canton.

There has been a change in Canton's political feeling. Having arrived at Canton, General Chen Ming-chu is advocating peace with Chiang Kai-shek and the Nanking Government and a section of the City Kuomintang politicians is also opposed to Li Chai-sum's break with Nanking.

NOW FREE.

Release of Captured German Missionaries.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A Peking message states that it is reliably reported that the German missionaries whose capture was announced on Feb. 11, have been released unhurt.

It is understood that Peking troops from Tsinanfu effected their release.—Reuter.

[Note: Tsinanfu is in Shantung province, under the Peking Government.]

Another Release.

Hankow, Feb. 9. Messages from Singyangchow state that the German missionary, Father Kewley, who has been imprisoned by the authorities there since Jan. 30 and held for a ransom of \$30,000, has been released after continued and determined refusals to pay the ransom demanded. Father Kewley, the messages add, sustained no injuries at the hands of his captors.

[Note: Singyangchow is in Honan province, under the "Christian General's" rule.]

THE REVOLT.

"Christian General" And His Subordinates.

Peking, Yesterday. Foreign military authorities are of the opinion that the revolt against the "Christian General" has been exaggerated but that there is some truth in the reports.

The "Christian General" has 80,000 of his best troops at Chengchow (in the north of Honan province) and three columns in the vicinity of Fengloeh, Nanlo and Showchang, with 20,000 men in each, but only half of them are well armed.—Reuter.

Labour Leaders Flee. Pakkai, Yesterday.

On instructions from the Canton Government, the local authorities are keeping a vigilance on labour agitators.

The Tung Tak cargo coolies' guild, and Rice Mill workers' guild and the Wood Sawyers' guild have all been closed up. Other unions are being searched and raided daily. A considerable number of arrests were made yesterday.

Many local labour leaders have fled the port. Anything of value, intrinsically or politically, has been removed and documents have vanished.—Our own correspondent.

His Eight Commandments. In view of the revolt against the "Christian General," the following eight commandments, which he issued on Feb. 10 for the strict obedience of his subordinates, make interesting reading:—

1. No effort should be spared to suppress the Communists, as they constitute a standing menace to the peace and order of society;

2. Strict prevention of fabrication and circulation of rumours, lest they disturb the minds of the people;

3. Be honest and careful, especially as regards public funds. Any official found guilty of embezzlement shall be most severely punished;

4. Let justice be the guiding principle in rewards as well as in punishments;

5. In all appointments of officials, ability and competency, not personal favour, should be taken into consideration and accepted as the criterion of judgment;

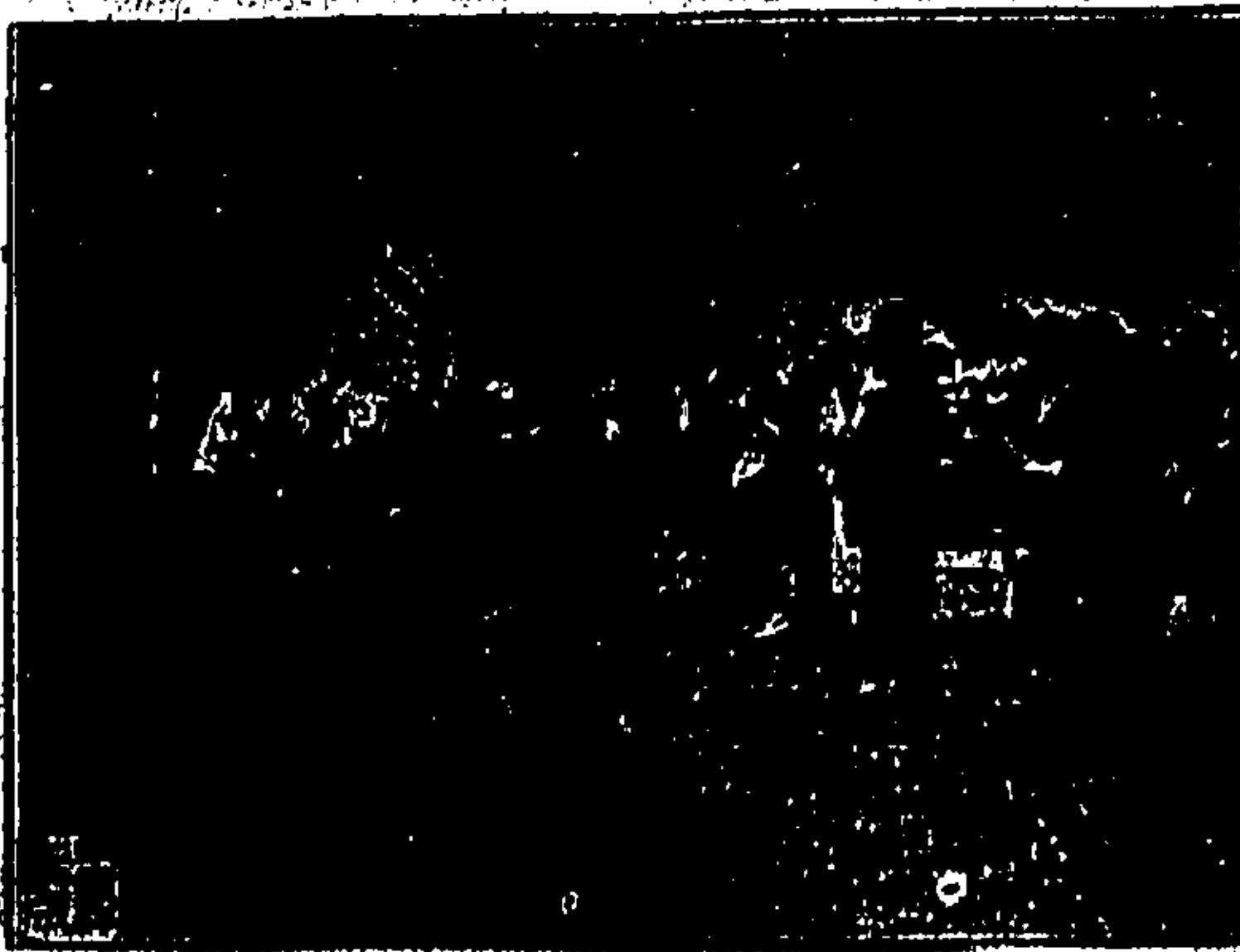
6. Street fighting and the use of bad language are strictly prohibited to civilians as well as soldiers;

7. Acquaint yourselves with the soldiers and cultivate their friendship in order that you can appreciate their difficulties and hardships;

8. All bad habits, such as drinking, smoking, gambling, etc., are prohibited under pain of severe punishments.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927:—"That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 6th February, 1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, 1928 to SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

SPRING MEETING.

Saturday, 3rd March, 1928.

ENTRY FORMS to be returned to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th February, 1928.
Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and Entry Forms of the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SUNDAY, 4th March, 1928, can be obtained upon application to The International Race & Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hong Kong Jockey Club and Causeway Bay Stables, Hong Kong.
Entries will CLOSE on FRIDAY, 24th February, 1928, at 3 p.m.
Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th February.

The First Race on each day will be run at 12 o'clock noon. The first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$80 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.

Bookmakers, Tie men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on Saturday, 25th February, 1928 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, 20th February, 1928.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1928.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, 22nd February, 1928, at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
G. E. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 13, 1928.

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE NINTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats, will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March next, starting at 4 p.m. Each ship may enter any number of boats.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (E), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cast Rock Gas Buoy (F), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing Boats must be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. and place themselves under the Starter's orders so that they can be lined up before the gun is fired.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than noon on the 14th March.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, H.K.Y.C.
Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

BAR AND BENCH.

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

It is a curious proof of the unconscious reverence the people of England pay to money that the Judges of to-day, though as learned and as reputable as the Judges of a hundred years ago, are not received with the same prostration as were their predecessors. The explanation is that \$5,000 a year in those days was a very splendid income, whereas to-day it is no such matter.

A Judge of the High Court in the time of George III. was a very majestic figure in Society; he moved on circuit from county to county with pomp and circumstance almost regal, in chariots with four horses and postillions, surrounded by a bodyguard of Javali men, and his entrance into a city was calculated to strike awe into the gaping multitude. Too great to accept hospitality from any human being but the Lord Bishop of the diocese, he condescended to grace the episcopal palace at a stately dinner attired in knee breeches, black gown and wig, where he took precedence of every possible guest, whether a Duke or a Lord Lieutenant, or a High Sheriff, writes the Hon. Stephen Coleridge in the "Morning Post."

Gradually these august ceremonies have yielded to the changing spirit of modern times, and Judges can be, on occasion, observed entering their assize town trudging on foot in the voluminous habiliments of the golf course, and subsequently dining as guests of a law society composed of solicitors!

Thus they have acquiesced in an England "made safe for democracy." Their outward magnificence has disappeared, and their salary, reduced by confiscatory taxes to little more than \$3,000 a year, renders them an object rather of compassion than of adulation in a world where such an income carries with it no distinction. Another consideration that has depressed the splendour of the Bench is the enormous increase in the fees paid to counsel. A popular advocate may now in a week receive more than the Judge, before whom he appears, receives for his whole year's labour. It is impossible to prevent this discrepancy of reward from rendering the position of the Judge rather undignified by contrast.

Notable Changes.

I have myself been on terms of friendship with a very large number of Judges, and can testify to the great improvement in their courtesy and kindness in the fulfilment of their duties that has happened in the last fifty years. In the Seventies of the last century Judges were frequently insufferably rude to the counsel, helpless before them. "Dressed in a little brief authority" they did indeed "play fantastic tricks before high Heaven!" But in these days it is quite unusual for a Judge to forget that he was once down in the counsel's seats, and to display personal unkindness to anyone who appears before him.

The Judges of the Seventies were a hard-hearted set of men, with a few notable exceptions. I have seen a poor man sentenced to penal servitude for stealing a loaf of bread. I have seen poor boys given nine months' hard labour for stealing a breakfast, when there was none in their desolate home. So that I can safely assert that with the decay of the splendour and the pompous surroundings there has

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th day of February, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July 1928 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Area	Remarks
1	1.5 acres	Shamshui
2	1.5 acres	Shamshui
3	1.5 acres	Shamshui
4	1.5 acres	Shamshui
5	1.5 acres	Shamshui
6	1.5 acres	Shamshui
7	1.5 acres	Shamshui
8	1.5 acres	Shamshui
9	1.5 acres	Shamshui
10	1.5 acres	Shamshui

THE COMMON COLD.

\$40,000 OFFERED FOR A CURE.

FIVE YEARS' RESEARCH.

New York.—Recognition of the baleful effects of the "common cold" upon man's physique is given in the establishment of a fund of \$40,000 to permit the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore to make a five-year study of the causes and consequences of this malady. Mr. Francis Garvin president of the Chemical Foundation, makes the gift in the name of Dr. John Abel, professor of pharmacology at Johns Hopkins, who "perhaps more than any other living scientist to-day exemplifies the beneficial application of the science of chemistry to medical problems." Commenting on the gift, Dr. Abel declared that colds and their consequences were the most important general causes of impairment of efficiency and loss of comfort and well-being, and often precede a pneumonia epidemic, influenza, and infections of the throat and head. Every year statistics showed that colds temporarily disabled four out of ten men and seven out of ten women, and the discovery of dependable methods of their prevention and cure will mean the elimination of considerable economic loss to the country.

2,999 YEARS' LEASE.

RENT AT SIXPENCE A YEAR.

A land lease covering a period of 2,999 years, at an annual rental of 6d. was referred to at a meeting of the Woking Urban District Council. It was stated that a piece of land which a resident has agreed to throw into the highway for an improvement at Horsell, Surrey, is held under a lease granted in the reign of James I. and dated March 23, 1610, for a period of two thousand nine hundred and four score and nineteen years at a yearly rental of sixpence.

Solicitors for the owner stated that no rent had been paid, and their client did not know the property was leasehold until he paid off the mortgage recently. A deed of enlargement converting the long term of years into a fee-simple in 1931 is to be executed, so that the land can be thrown into the highway and the improvement carried out.

grown up a far kinder spirit and a far gentler courtesy among the occupants of the Bench.

It is reported of Disraeli as one of his aphorisms that he remarked that a great lawyer can never be a great man.

The imperative claims of the profession upon the entire time and energy of a successful barrister have an almost irresistible tendency to shut out from his life during many years all other fields of mental culture. He has no time to store his mind and heart with the subtleties of literature, or the sweet influences of the arts. His days and nights are filled to the last limit of available time with the preparation for, and absorption in, one contest after another, sometimes of a rather squalid nature, and if he finally reaches the Bench, the habits of his life and the bent of his mind are commonly too fixed and formed to afford him any very lively desire to explore fresh fields of self cultivation even if his natural vitality and energy are not fully exhausted by the arduous labours of the Bench.

And when, after another fifteen or twenty years, he retires into private life, rest and the indulgence of some hobby are often all that his tired old age permit him.

A Memorable Speech.

For some reason, which entirely escapes me, the barristers of to-day do not make efforts to rise to the lofty flights of eloquence which adorned the advocates of the Victorian age. Many of the profession in those days made memorable speeches that were worthy of preservation. They aspired to be orators as well as advocates, and many greatly succeeded. The finest of all of them that I ever heard was Charles Russell, afterwards Chief Justice, and the greatest of his speeches was without doubt that which he delivered at the conclusion of the Parnell Commission. In the last flight of that speech he rose to a level of majesty and of profound emotion that overwhelmed all who heard it. It was a dark and gloomy day, but when the orator finished his final beautiful tribute to the land of his birth, and, with lifted arms, made his last appeal, a shaft of light shone down upon him as though in benediction, and he sank back into his seat trembling but triumphant, with the glowing conviction that he had splendidly achieved a great vindication.

FINGER PRINTS.

NEW THREAT TO CRIMINALS.

STRIKING ADVANCE.

Paris.—A striking advance has just been made in the fingerprint identification system. The great French criminologist, Dr. Edmond Locard, director of the police technical laboratory at Lyons, has demonstrated that by a new method called "Poroscopy" a person can now be positively identified, not only by a fingerprint, but by a tiny fragment of a print. The famous criminologist has discovered that there are more than 2,000 pores on the end of a man's finger. They can all be checked, charted, and counted on a microphotograph. Every one of these pores has a different shape and a different position in relation to other pores, and the microphotographs of two fingers are as different as the maps of Africa and Asia. The shape of the pores is never changed by acid, growth, or anything else.

Ridges and Valleys.

In addition to the pores, the lands, ridges, and valleys on a fingerprint can be charted in the same way, and the differences between two prints thereby increased thousands of times.

A tenth or even a twentieth part of a print is now quite sufficient to decide if it was left by a certain person.

"I have already secured a dozen convictions by the use of this new system," Dr. Locard explained, adding that otherwise the criminals would have gone free.

"For example, we were called in to investigate a burglary in an apartment in the Rue Centrale, at Lyons, several years ago, and the only traces we found were some fragmentary fingerprints on a rosewood chest of drawers. "We compared them with the records in the Surete Generale, and they were sufficiently identical with the official prints of two professional burglars named Boudet and Simonin to convince us that these two men had committed the burglary. We arrested them, but they absolutely denied any knowledge of the crime. There was no other proof against them. Both had plausible alibis.

955 Pores.

"Although the staff of the police technical laboratory found the prints were the same, this had to be demonstrated to a jury.

"We therefore made a microphotograph of one of the prints found on the chest of drawers and checked and charted 955 pores, as well as all the islands, ridges, and valleys. We also made a microphotograph of the portion of Boudet's left middle finger that had made the print on the piece of furniture, and we checked and charted the same 955 pores.

"Simonin, the other burglar, had left an impression of the palm of his left hand on the furniture, and this was enlarged and compared with his official print in the same way.

"I went before the jury with this evidence, comparing pore for pore, and both men were condemned to five years' hard labour."

BRIDE FROM U. S. A.

THE EX-MAHARAJA OF INDORE.

YOUNG AMERICAN.

Bombay.—The ex-Maharaja of Indore has been preceded on his return journey to India by Miss Miller, a young American woman, whom, it is announced, he proposes to marry in Indore shortly. The prospective bride is 24 years of age, dark and vivacious. The Maharaja met her in the course of his visit to America, and she arrived at Bombay in an Italian boat in the charge of Abdul Rashid, the private secretary, who has accompanied the Maharaja on his travels. She is proceeding to Indore, and will there join the Maharaja, who is returning to India by way of Colombo.

It is announced that Miss Miller will accept the Hindu faith and that the marriage will be solemnized in accordance with Hindu rites. The American Consul saw the girl at Bombay, and in the course of a protracted interview explained the seriousness of the step which she proposes to take. Miss Miller was, however, obstinate. She is apparently much attracted by the Maharaja, in spite of the fact that he has two wives already and of the Mumtaz Begum affair, which cost him his throne.

The marriage was apparently arranged in America before the Maharaja's departure for Switzerland, and Abdul Rashid was left behind to arrange the details of travelling. The date of the marriage is at present uncertain, as the Maharaja is first going on a pilgrimage.

Mumtaz Begum was a dancing girl who fled from the Maharaja's palace and took refuge in the house of a rich Indian merchant named Bawla. Shortly afterwards Mr. Bawla was killed while an attempt was being made to kidnap the girl. Some of the Maharaja's officials were stated to have been involved in the affair, and the Maharaja, rather than face a commission of inquiry, gave up his throne and went to the United States.

CORONER AGED 79.

Alderman E. L. Wallis, the South Herefordshire coroner, who is 79, scaled Orrop Ridge, 16 miles from Hereford, in a blinding snowstorm on his way to hold an inquest on an aged man, Joseph Smith, who died in the hamlet of Chapel Cross.

He reached a village at the foot of the ridge with comparative ease, but the ascent to the next village was either between 10 ft. walls of snow or over great snowdrifts. As he climbed higher, the difficulties increased, but at length, five minutes ahead of the time fixed for the inquest, he reached his destination.

WONDERFUL CURES BY CHINESE HERBS.

Mr. Yee Foo Lun Now in Hong Kong.

The Poo On Chinese Herb Co., of Modesto, California, U.S.A. is now ready for business. Mr. Yee Foo Lun, Chinese Herbalist, the founder and managing director is in charge. Mr. Yee Foo Lun has had practical experience for over twenty five years.

How Chinese Herbs have been used to cure thousands of sick persons in America, making him famous by the special treatment which he designed. He has brought with him thousands of testimonials that he has published in the United States. The following testimonials were published in the "Modesto Evening News"—March 24, 1922.

Mr. Antonio Eno's, resident at Hughson, Stanislaus County, California since 1906, route 1-box 24, says:—

"Several members of my family took the Poo On Chinese Herbs and certainly received wonderful results. My boy, Joseph, had had trouble with his eyes since he was a baby three weeks old. He caught a severe cold and it settled in his right eye. It was very watery, red and inflamed.

We had treated him for all these years with eye specialists, physicians, and everything people recommended. At times his eye was so bad he had to go to a dark room and stay there for hours because he could not see in the light and it hurt him so bad he had to cry when he was old enough to go to school, he was unable to go because of the strain to his eye, and could not stand it. It caused a terrible headache. Up to the time he was eighteen he could only put in a

little time at school, until some particular friends of ours told us of Poo On Chinese Herbs. On February 9, 1918, we took the boy to the Poo On Herb Co., and obtained some herbs. He took the herbs a little bit over a month, and his eye was completely cured. Since then he has never had a bit of trouble and besides his headache and catarrh in the head were also cured. We haven't spent any money for anything in the way of medicine for him since. He has enjoyed better health than any time in his whole life. Now he is going to school and making up for all the time of loss.

Wife cured of Rheumatism and Heart Trouble.

"My wife was suffering with rheumatism, heart trouble, and obesity. She had suffered a long while, but after she took the Poo On Chinese Herbs she felt fine. I myself caught a cold a few days ago. I had aches, pains, headache and just felt miserable. I took two herb teas from Poo On Herb Co. and was all right. Thousands suffering from catarrh, bronchial trouble, throat trouble, asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach trouble, indigestion, constipation, gastritis, piles, fistula, heart disease, skin disease, eczema, scrofula, nervousness, insomnia, obesity, kidney and bladder trouble, diabetes, rheumatism, neuritis, dropsy, varicose, epileptic fits, paralysis, tumors, ulcers, pimples, skin diseases, headaches, and many other chronic diseases, have been restored to health, and happiness without poison and drugs by the herbs of the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

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TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrivals of vessels recorded at the Harbour Office this morning are as follows:—7 British, 3 Japanese and American vessels; 1 Chinese, German, Swedish and Dutch vessels; 2 French vessels. Total 19.

The cargo imported to the Colony to-day, by the above number of vessels total 30,585 tons, of this amount 4,275 tons being shipped by British vessels. The through Hong Kong freight is less than that of the cargo for Hong Kong by some 7,000 tons odd, the latter total being 19,786 tons. The monopoly of the cargo imported and shipped through, is general merchandise.

Of these above figures, the highest imported cargo is by the "Taiyu Maru" (Japanese) from Milke-Dodwell & Co.—6,706 tons general cargo.

The highest through cargo tonnage, the distinction goes to Gilman & Co.—s.s. "Canton" from Kobe, Vladivostok—6,925 tons beans (through).

The passengers list for to-day is as follows:—Asiatic deck passengers 1,607; European deck 1,897; Asiatic cabin 480; European cabin 522. Total 4,506.

Departures.

For Hoihow:—Memado Maru, Phranang, Havdrot.

For Keelung:—Taisei Maru.

For Swatow:—Hang Sang, Hai Hong.

For Shanghai:—Alaska Maru, Sphinx, Ausberg.

For K. C. Wan:—Wing Wo.

For Saigon:—D'Ariagnan.

For Manila:—City of Pekin.

Pres. Jackson, Oldenberg.

For Autau:—Tak Hing.

For S'pore:—Takada.

For Canton:—Marunasan Maru.

Yatshing, Chenan, Chusan.

For Amoy:—Kum Sang.

For Macao:—Shiu Hing.

Clearances.

For Shanghai:—Tento.

For Canton:—Nanning.

For Keelung:—Tyne Maru.

For Swatow:—Talkwa Maru.

Lushan Maru.

For S'pore:—Canton.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals Departures Port

British 7 9 27

Japanese 5 4 8

Norwegian 0 2 8

Chinese 1 4 16

Dutch 1 0 6

French 2 2 1

German 1 2 1

American 3 1 2

Swedish 1 0 1

Panama 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 1

Total number of vessels in port 72.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the s.s. "Karmala" from London via Singapore were:—Lt. E. H. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. T. Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craig, Lt. W. P. O. Evans, R.N., Lt. A. B. B. Foulerton, R.N., Mr. W. J. Holt, Comdr. J. A. V. Morse, D.S.O., R.N., Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. J. P. White.

Among the passengers arrived here yesterday by the s.s. "President Jackson," from U.S. ports via Japan and Shanghai were:—Mr. A. Armour, Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Barnes, Mr. G. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cruz, Lt.-Comdr. A. Day, R.N., Col. H. H. Ensor, Mr. T. Y. Deane and Lt.-Comdr. F. C. Woodhouse, R.N.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" is due here on Friday with the Home mails, and among the passengers announced to be on board for Hong Kong are:—Miss E. L. Arnold, Rev. and Mrs. E. Bond, Mr. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Mr. R. F. Clark, Mr. J. M. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Everest, Master R. J. Everest, Miss M. M. Everest, Miss E. Elder, Miss A. Elvidge, Mrs. L. Ellis, Mr. S. C. Feltham, Consul-General Grut and Mrs. Grut, Miss Grayburn, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Osmund, Mr. and Mrs. Petch, Pay-Comdr. F. D. Pearce, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ross, Lt.-Col. A. D. Radcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Miss A. Symington, Mrs. L. Shaw, Mr. A. Thomson, and Mr. J. J. Walsh.

First-class passengers arrived at Hong Kong by the M.M. s.s. "Sphinx" from Marseilles via Singapore & Saigon on Feb. 14 were:—Mr. Wong Yan-fu, Mr. and Mrs. Lesdres, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gower, Mr. M. David, Mr. Jutmann, Mr. and Mrs. Newell, Mrs. Bonenfant, Mr. Bradley Goodyear, Mr. Anstruther Gray, Lord and Lady Stratheden, Rev. Dr. M. O'Doherty.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers on board the s.s. "Empress of Canada" which sailed this morning were:—Mr. Au Yeung Wai-yan, Mstr. Ah So, Miss Ah Chut, Miss B. A. Bliss, Mr. F. R. Burry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgess, Mr. H. W. Brainerd, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. and Miss B. J. Bishop, Mstrs. J. L. and E. C. Bishop, Mr. J. B. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Botello, Miss L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Chow, Mr. I. R. Cameron, Mr. Cham Pak-ying, Mr. Chin Key, Mr. Chu Len, Miss Chu Quai-ping, Mr. E. F. Connor, Mr. Cheung Po-wa, Mr. Chan Long-hin, Mr. C. K. Chan, Mr. H. T. Cheung, Mr. Chung Tensum, Mr. Ho Chim, Mr. Chan Lo-chuan, Mr. R. Y. Chew, Mr. Chan Kang Tar, Mr. Chan Lai-nam, Mr. K. N. Chan, Mrs. Carey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Ching-chuen, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crittall, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Chu, Mr. C. Y. Chan, Mr. Y. T. Chan, Mr. Chan Tit-sang, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davis, Mr. O. Eager, Mr. Fong Yow-chong, Miss P. Fanstone, Mrs. H. Greayer, Mr. S. Gowie, Com. W. S. Grey, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. Gardner, Mr. A. L. Ham, Miss E. Holder, Mrs. R. E. Mr. C. H. and Miss J. I. Howard, Mr. Ho Pak-man, Maj. and Mrs. F. R. Henshaw and infant, Miss H. and Mstr. F. Henshaw, Mr. C. S. Ho, Mr. H. Che-lai, Mr. A. J. Hayim, Mr. L. S. Ho, Mr. Y. Izutsu, Dr. J. W. Jenks, Mrs. Kwong She, Mstr. Kwong King-tak, Mstr. Kwong King-to, Mr. Kwan Chin-poo, Mr. Kwan Kwan Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Kwong, Mr. Kong Chung-ming, Mr. S. G. Kwik, Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Fong, Mr. C. C. Knight, Mr. Lee Chuen, Mr. and Mrs. Co. O. and Miss M. Lawrence, Mr. J. G. Lequime, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lucey and infant, Mr. Lum Wai-sun, Mrs. Lam She, Mr. Lau To, Miss Lam Kan-lui, Mrs. Lau Fong-she, Mrs. Lau Miu-lau, Miss Lui San-bing, Mr. Leung Che-bing, Mr. Loui Chan-ping, Mr. R. L. Larson, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. and Mstr. D. Leach, Mrs. Lung Sze, Mr. and Mrs. Leung-yu, Mrs. Loy Cheng and infant, Mr. Lam Hon, Mrs. Lam Hon, Mrs. Leong Cho-king, the Misses E. T. and D. Mar, Miss D. Mar Chut, Mr. L. Matthew, Mr. W. R. Mann, Mr. C. B. Morrison, Mr. F. W. Mathison, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Niles, Col. and Mrs. L. Newell, Mr. I. W. Neale, Mr. Ng Yuk, Miss M. A. O'Brien, Mr. L. D. O'Brien, Miss Helen M. Pond, Mr. S. K. Pang, Mr. A. L. S. Read, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Y. C. Shen, Mr. Sun Ping-po, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stenbergh, Mr. L. Stotted, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson, Mr. K. H. Tang, Mr. B. T. Tienbasher, Mr. H. Tienbasher, Mr. B. M. Tyler, the Misses M. and G. Toog, Mr. Tong Kai-jan, Miss S. Y. Tong.

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DEPARTURES.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the M.M. "Sphinx" on Feb. 14 for Shanghai were:—Baron and Lady Guillaume, Captain Branton, Dr. Veeten, Mr. J. R. Baylin, Mrs. C. Calcetti, Mr. Gell, Mr. J. Sorriano, Lt. E. R. Von Prelesig, Mr. F. M. Gensburger, Mr. Madler, Mrs. V. Larcina.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the M.M. "D'Artagnan" on Feb. 14 for Saigon, Singapore, Colombo and Marseilles were:—Mr. and Mrs. Noblet, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barretto, Mr. and Mrs. A. Guthman, Miss M. Jullen, Mr. J. K. Gwynell, Miss N. Sinclair, Miss I. Garneck, Mr. J. Saffer, Mr. Mrs. R. Forthomme, Mr. and Mrs. Frager, Mrs. Basto, Mrs. Limage, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sherwood, Mr. M. Martins, Mrs. M. Tuma, Mrs. V. Tacquet.

Passengers departing yesterday by the s.s. "President Pledge" which is bound for the United States via ports were:—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Brett, Mrs. C. S. and Master J. Ballantine, Mr. L. Everett, Comdr. J. James, U.S.N., Mr. T. Koyama, Mr. R. Morgan, Mr. O. H. McCowen, Lt. E. J. Bailey, U.S.A., Major and Mrs. P. J. Horton, U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scovel, Mrs. V. D. Sezenyevsky, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Bailey, Miss E. Busch, Mr. E. Croker, Mr. F. A. Flatten, Mr. E. Feigenberg, Mr. H. L. Heath, Lt. R. E. Baker, U.S.N., Comdr. and Mrs. E. Barber, U.S.N., the Misses P. and V. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Arndt, Mr. B. A. Boning, Mr. J. F. Stevens, Mrs. C. J. Newling, Mr. W. F. Barnes, Mr. B. Huizen, Mr. M. Nemaze, Mr. Chan Wing-kong, Mr. Chan Chee-yuen, Mr. O. G. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morton, Mrs. M. V. L. Owens, Miss K. Rutledge, Mrs. A. M. Rosenstock, Mrs. M. M. and Master P. Seymour, Miss E. Van Slyke, Miss I. and Master H. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Mrs. F. K. Harris, Mr. K. Koons, Mrs. H. J. Milligan, Mr. A. M. Ruston, Lt. V. B. Riden, U.S.N., Mr. L. L. Robbins, Mr. H. Irving Stober, Mr. H. M. Taylor, Master G. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carrier, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nutt, Mr. Wong Man-lin, Mrs. M. Bekins, Mr. W. H. Hardwick, Mr. Ng Wal, Mr. Chan Hing-kwan, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Rounds, Mr. Lilliehook, Mr. W. N. Thomaston, Mr. Y. H. Wang, Mr. T. P. Cochrane.

The Harbour Master has been informed that a request has been received from Fleet Air Arm Headquarters, for permission for Aircraft to drop 12 light bombs on Gautan Rock between 10 and 12 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16.

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PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYTS MARU Sunday, 26th February.
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KIDDERPORE	8,334	28th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
ACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
TALIPORE	5,272	7th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
ASHMIR	8,586	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	9,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARWALA	9,125	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGORE	5,288	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOIRA	10,558	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
VALWA	10,886	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELIA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	16,504	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
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A paper on "The Application of High Pressures to the Reciprocating Marine Steam Engine" was read by Mr. S. G. Visker recently, at a meeting of members of the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. At the outset, Mr. Visker, who is superintendent engineer of the Netherland Steamship Company, described the conversion of the machinery of the "Borneo" from an ordinary triple-expansion installation working with super-heated steam of 180-lb. pressure into a high-pressure one.

Observing that the conversion should be considered as an experiment carried out with the object of ascertaining what economy might be effected, he proceeded: "The reason that my company decided to make this experiment was not only and not primarily its interest in the development and progress of engineering in general; the decision to make the experiment originated in the somewhat uncomfortable feeling of uncertainty with regard to the future price of Diesel oil."

Opinions may differ on this question, but it will hardly be denied that oil producers, whether of artificial or natural oil, will remain few and powerful, and will not for humanity's sake lower prices if they can get high ones, which will be the case when the number of motor ships afloat is large enough and coal cannot be used so economically that competition with the Diesel motor is possible. For this reason it would not have served our purpose to increase the pressure somewhat and be satisfied with a reasonable saving; it was necessary that the experiment should give us information as to the maximum saving that may be obtained; in other words, we had to choose the highest pressure we considered practicable.

After ample consideration, we came to the conclusion that a pressure of about 500-lb. was the limit to which we could go without risking too much and making the installation too complicated. A pressure of 500-lb. requires a steam temperature of not much less than 750 deg. F. when expanded in a good triple-expansion engine, if one will not go in for reheating the steam of the m.p. or l.p. receiver. This reheating was rejected by us on account of the very large dimensions of the apparatus and the considerable complication it would involve.

On the other hand, in view of the materials to be used, we did not like to go beyond 750 deg. F. The question of pressure and temperature being settled, we had to look into that of designing the installation itself.

The experiment is obviously not without risk, and for this reason it had to be as inexpensive as possible. We therefore decided not to fit a turbine in the ship, which would have meant an entirely new engine, apart from our opinion that a turbine for a power of 3,600 h.p. (as in this case) or even more, would have a slower thermal efficiency than a reciprocating engine. So we preferred to leave the existing engine in the ship and only to replace the cylinders and valve gear by others suitable for the new conditions. Also for the sake of cheapness and simplicity, we decided to leave the existing auxiliaries, working with saturated steam of 180-lb. in the ship, and to drive them with steam tapped from the m.p. receiver.

This arrangement, would, of course, not give the highest possible economy, but it considerably decreased the expenses, and more still the number of difficulties we expected to meet. The boiler installed in the "Borneo" was a Hawthorn-Armstrong, to which type the author paid a tribute, making reference to his experience with one of those boilers, but with ordinary pressure, in another ship. It was found that not only was economical burning of practically all sorts of coal possible, but what was at least as important, the temperature of the super-heated steam was not too much affected by differences in types of coal and in the quantities of steam passing through the superheater, nor by more or less forced stoking. The experiments made showed that a very considerable saving in coal consumption had been obtained by conversion. "The coal consumed," the lecturer pointed out, "was weighed with great care during a day in fair weather, so that the l.h.p. could be kept practically constant, and it was found that the consumption worked out at 112-lb. of coal per h.p. per hour. The heat value of this coal was 18,410 B.T.U. The figures received from the ship after completing her outward voyage confirmed this, but we shall have to await the completion of at least three voyages to know

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Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Fri, 17th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & HOSANG		Thurs, 23rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Canton	FOOSHING	Thurs, 18th Feb. at 2 a.m.
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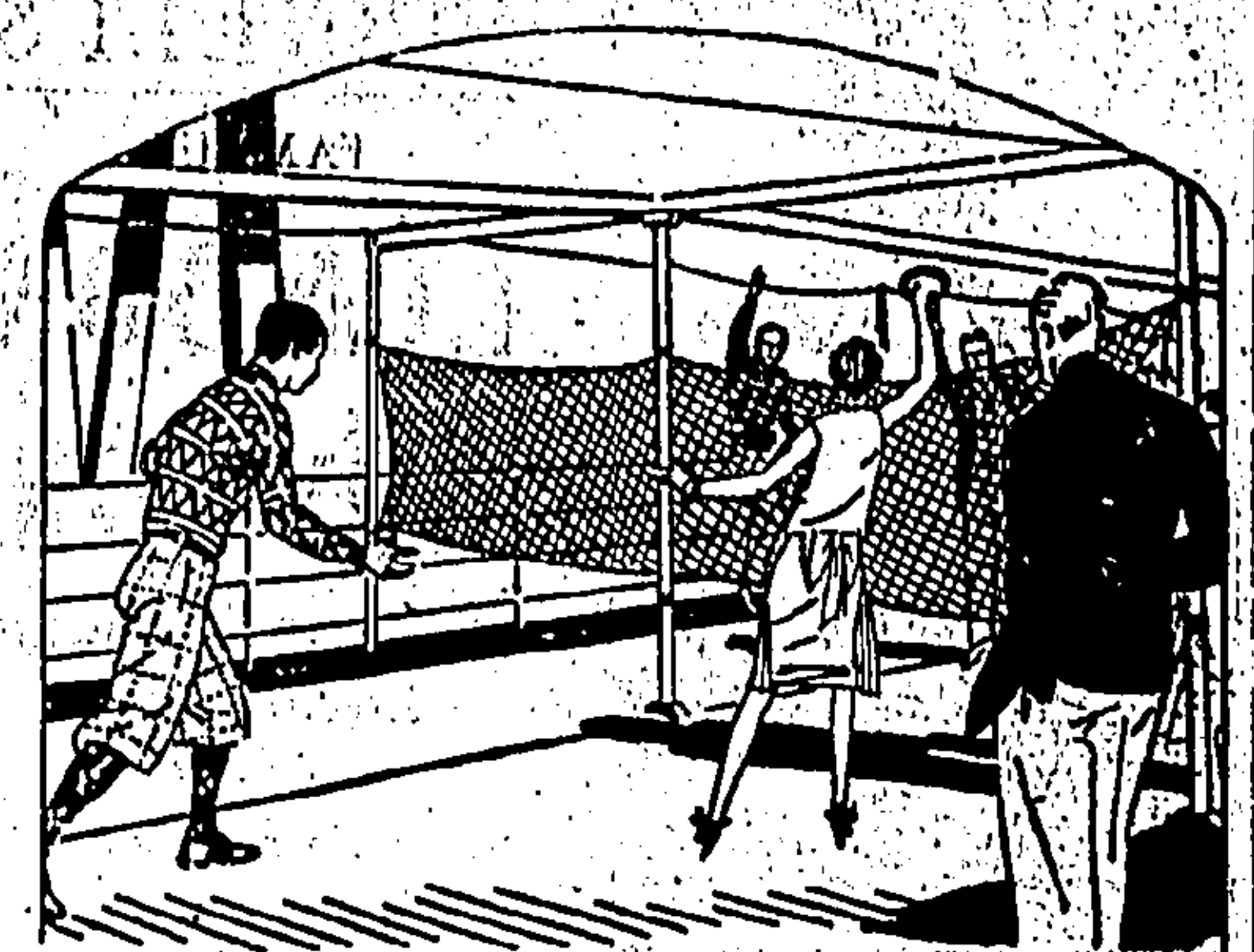
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Efforts Made To Find Work For All.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. A. Duff Cooper stated that out of over 2,900 Section A Reservists who had rejoined the colours 2,700 had been sent to China and the rest relegated to the Reserve or discharged for medical unfitness. Only ten failed to report and only two, who were in hospital, were now detained abroad.

As regards the number still unemployed, it was a matter of considerable difficulty to keep in touch with the men, and the figures were apt to be misleading. He was specially communicating with each Reservist from China asking whether he had obtained employment or desired his name to be registered with the Society who were making special efforts on behalf of the Reservists.

As soon as he had the latest figures based on this communication he would communicate with the questioner.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Duff Cooper, in reply to another question, stated that the cost of the Shanghai Defence Force to March 31 next was about \$4,100,000.—*Reuter*.

TUTORIAL INST.

DR. S. W. TSO PRESENTS PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Tutorial Institute of Hong Kong took place at the Hop Yat Hall, Bonham Road, yesterday evening, in the presence of a large attendance of friends and well-wishers of the Institute.

The prizes were given away by Dr. S. W. Tso, after which a concert was presented by the students of the Institute assisted by several local artists. A much appreciated item was by Mr. Harry Ore who in a piano solo gave an excellent rendering of "Lo Yew Kam" the well-known Chinese piece.

The Report. The headmaster, Mr. T. E. Yeoh, presenting a review of the work of the Institute for the past year said:

The past year has been more successful than what he had hoped to expect. The total enrolment was 161 students divided up into Classes 1 to 5. There were 222 school days with 378 periods. One complete school day was divided into two periods—the morning period from 9.00 to 12.45 and the afternoon period from 2.00 to 4.00. The average attendance was 86.53 per cent.

The general health of the school has been very good, and very few boys have been absent on medical grounds.

The physical side of Education has not been neglected. Whenever possible, the school has always encouraged sports activities. During the hot months several delightful bathing picnics were arranged and greatly enjoyed by all those who were present.

Dr. A. So gave away the prizes, and congratulated all concerned on a successful year. The local University examinations, medals for different competitions held at the school during the past year and other prizes gained in class work.

CAR ON FIRE.

LOCAL LADY HAS MISHAP.

Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton, who is staying at Shek-O had an exciting experience whilst driving home from the Races yesterday. Mrs. Shenton's car (No. 344) was proceeding along the Shaikwan Road when it suddenly burst into flames when passing the Government quarry. Thanks to her presence of mind in stopping the car immediately, Mrs. Shenton succeeded in getting out without injury. Police Sergeant May, who was passing at the time, secured a fire extinguisher from the quarry and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they had time to spread to the body of the car, which suffered very slight damage.

Lord and Lady Stratheden arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the M.M. "Sphinx" from Saigon. Lord Stratheden is a Lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, the 2nd Battalion of which is going home from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barretto sailed from Hong Kong yesterday by the "D'Artagnan" for Saigon. Passengers for Singapore included Mr. J. K. Ginnell, Miss N. Sinclair, Miss J. Garnock (for Singapore), Mrs. Basto for Malacca.

DOG RACING.

Movement To Stop Betting.

BISHOP HECKLED.

Government Asked To Make Tracks Illegal.

London, Yesterday. Nine hundred delegates representing religious and social welfare organisations attended a convention at the Church House, Westminster, to consider greyhound racing betting, the Bishop of Lichfield presiding.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester was much heckled when he moved a resolution to empower the local authorities to prevent the disturbance of their amenities to the enrichment of greyhound racing shareholders and bookmakers, calling the Government to make betting greyhound tracks illegal.

One interrupter shouted, "It is the working man's best and cheapest sport."

A resolution was overwhelmingly carried whereupon an uproar broke out.

The Bishop of Lichfield threatened to call the police to restore order and the disturbance then subsided.

Other resolutions were adopted deploring the effect of greyhound betting on young people and asking the Government to receive a deputation.—*Reuter*.

A CANTON YAMEN.

RENDITION BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT?

AFTER SEVENTY YEARS.

After seventy years during which it was used, at first for consular purposes and later as a residence for Hong Kong cadets learning the Chinese language, it is now proposed to surrender a Yamen in Canton City which was leased by the British Government to the Canton Government, presumably in pursuance of the plan to give the Cadets their Chinese instruction at the University of Hong Kong. This latter plan was brought into being with the establishment of the Chinese Faculty at the University.

It is stated that the only condition attached to the rendition of the Yamen is that the Canton Government shall refund the cost of the new building.

BANVARD CO.

"THE BLACK BOTTOM REVUE."

CHANGE FOR TO-NIGHT.

A cheery programme of entertainment with some items providing a feast of colour and gorgeous dresses was presented by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company at the Theatre Royal last night in "The Black Bottom Revue" which, considering the excellent nature of the items, was poorly attended.

The most popular of the numbers were "The Totem Dance," by Winifred Dalle and the chorus, "Vanilla Dance," by Edna Ray, "The Black Bottom," by Claire Leslie and the Chorus and the items in which Mr. John Hagan and Mr. Frank Atkinson were together in humorous dialogue.

Although the comparative sparseness of the attendance affected in some degree the spirits of the audience, the artistes gave of their best under difficult circumstances and, given a more conducive atmosphere, would have done even better.

The final performance of the Banvard Musical Comedy Company at the Theatre Royal is to be given to-night, viz., "Whirlled Into Happiness," commencing to-morrow night, the Company is appearing for a short season at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell, Mr. Anstruther Gray, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gower and the Rev. Dr. M. O'Doherty were among the passengers who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Sphinx" from Singapore and Saigon. Dr. O'Doherty is transhipping to Manila.

Passengers sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Pierce" for Shanghai, Japan and U.S. ports included—Mr. R. Nutt (F.M.S. rubber merchant) and Mrs. Nutt, bound for England; Mrs. M. Bekins (returning to San Francisco); Mr. B. A. Boning (Standard Oil Co.) returning to the United States (on furlough); Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rounds, bound for Seattle; Mr. H. Hardwick, returning home to Arkansas; Mr. W. F. Barnes, proceeding to Shanghai; Mr. B. Hulzen (Netherlands-India Commercial Bank) going to Shanghai; Mr. M. Nemaze, (Messrs. H. M. H. Nemaze) on a business trip to the North; Mr. T. P. Cochrane, (Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China) bound for Kobe.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Many receive advice, few profit by it.

Solicitor: You paid the last instalment of your husband's debt? Wife: Yes, and he blackened my eye for my pains.

The rich young sportsman slept very soundly, and it was with great difficulty that his servant awoke him at midnight.

"I heard noises downstairs, sir," said the frightened servant.

"Are you sure, James?"

"Quite sure, sir."

"You think it is burglars?"

"Yes, sir."

"Oh, very well," yawned the young man. "Get my gun, James, and—er—let me see—I'll wear my grey tweeds."

"What do you think of these cigars? I got them from an air-plane pilot."

"What does he use them for—sky-writing?"

"They say brunettes have a sweeter disposition than blondes."

"Well, my wife's been both and I can't notice any difference."

Defendant: Do you think there is any chance of my being acquitted?

Bert: D'you know a good cure for a cold, Alf?

Alf: 'Ave you got the price of a couple of rums on yer?

Bert: No.

Alf: Well, it ain't much good me tellin' yer then.

Attorney: It begins to look very doubtful. The only juror who had a mortgage on his house has just inherited \$50,000.

"Dear, if the worst came to worst, we could go and live with your parents."

"No, we couldn't; they're living with their people."

"What will become of a child who constantly clings to his mother's skirts?"

"He may become a trapeze artist."

Chicago Cop: What've you got in that car?

Gangster: Nothin' but booze, officer.

Cop: I beg your pardon—I thought it might be history books.

"If I were your father, I would not let you smoke."

"Why? It doesn't do any harm."

"I know, but you're too young to play with matches."

"He claims his wife was intractable, your honour, so he beat her into subjection with a golf club."

"In how many strokes?" asked the judge with new interest.

"My husband's so jealous."

"Isn't that embarrassing?"

"Yes. Isn't yours jealous?"

"Not a bit."

"Isn't that humiliating?"

Am I late for the Marseilles express?

"No, you are early."

"How long will I have to wait. It is 7 o'clock."

"Until to-morrow evening at 6.55."

She: "You know, there's an art in kissing."

He: "Oh, yes, I know. Art thou willing?"

Customer (with week's beard): "Do you think that old razor will do it?"

Barber: "It will, sir—if the handle doesn't break."

Travelling Man (to acquaintance watching hotel fire): Nothing to get excited about. I took my time about dressing; lighted a cigarette; didn't like the knot in my necktie and retied it; that's how cool I was before I left that blazing structure.

Bystander: But why didn't you put your pants on?

Football Fan: Jones is improving, he'll soon be our best man.

Fair Companion: "Oh, Do you really mean it, darling?"

The caller wanted to see the man of the house. "Is he in?" he inquired of the wife.

"Yes," she said.

"Can I see him?"

"No, he's in for drunk and disorderly conduct."

She: You never hear of women cashiers embezzling or running off with their employers' money.

He: Not often, but when it does happen they take the employer, too.

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CORYBANTIC BUSINESS.

A suggestion has been made concerning the formation of a Rotary Club in Hong Kong. For ourselves, we cannot see the idea meeting with sufficient approval to ensure its successful continuity. Conditions, business and otherwise, are against it. The Rotary Movement, for another thing, is no longer a fresh and novel idea. As with the Ancient Order of Frothblowers, the first blush of youth, and enthusiasm, has passed. And the people of this Colony, though often disinclined to accept things at first hand, are entirely against taking them at second hand. This, however, is only one of the minor reasons why the Movement is unlikely to flourish in Hong Kong.

The pessimism we display, if it can be said that our concern in the matter exhibits any feeling at all, is not prompted by opinions that the Rotary Movement is worthless. In its time and place it has no doubt proved of benefit to those who enrol under its banner. With its songs and funny speeches and air of corybantic business, many a time, we opine, its meetings have enabled the tired business man to wade through a mid-day meal very much larger than he ordinarily disposes of.

For that is the practice if not exactly the spirit of Rotary. At its best it is merely a social adjunct of a Chamber of Commerce; at its worst it is a gathering of ranting mid-day revellers who seize upon the regular meetings as an opportunity to eat and drink more than is usual. The Rotary Movement originated with

four business men in America who had a sincere desire to foster good-fellowship among those of their kind. To-day, in America, the Movement is a professional one with its rah rah orators and pep-inducing lecturers. Like the Frothblowers, the Y.M.C.A., and the Salvation Army, it is one of those movements which, starting from the smallest beginnings, have so developed that organised guidance has become essential. Which is really by the way. The reasons why Rotary is not likely to find general favour in Hong Kong, as indicated at the opening of this article, are in the main fundamental. It would not agree with us, nor we with it. Illustrations we could give of the working of the Movement in Northern Ports where, as here, there are cosmopolitan commercial communities, supply us with all the assurance we require on this particular point.

LOCAL ESTATE.

CAPT. E. CHARRINGTON'S WILL.

Large estate in Hong Kong and in England was left by the late Capt. E. Charrington, D.S.O., probate of whose will and two codicils has been granted at the Supreme Court to Mr. D. J. Lewis, attorney of the widow, and Mr. R. F. Bristowe and Mr. Charles Gardner, the executors named in the will.

Local estate amounted to \$117,500 and estate in England to £129,959.

Bequests of property and effects are made in the will, these being of a family nature, also pecuniary bequests of £2,000 to his widow, £500 to his son and others including £25 "to my friend Murray Stewart, of Hong Kong."

The first codicil revokes a previous appointment of his nephew G. N. Charrington as one of the executors, also the grant of £250 to which he would have been entitled.

The second codicil makes pecuniary grants to his servants, gamekeepers, etc.

Deceased directs that his uniform, medals and decorations should not pass out of the family.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

Improvements and additions to some of the houses, especially Nos. 4, 18 and 15, have been made, and preparations for the new school building are in progress.

The Chefoo scholars from the Island had, we hear, rather a rough and cold voyage back to school.

To-day (February 14) one of the prominent members of our community left for Australia (and later goes to Canada and England) on the s.s. "Changte." A visitor to the Island in the person of Mr. Bailey left on the same boat.

There has been a change in the stop at the Police station, Inspector Wood's place being taken by Sergeant Molleth. This appointment is only temporary.—Our Own Correspondence.

SURVEYING JOHORE.

IMPRESSIONS OF AN R. E. OFFICER.
DIFFERENT COASTS.

Capt. S. W. Kirby, R.E., gave a capital lecture to the Royal Geographical Society recently (says "The Field") describing the state of Johore. He was out there in the years 1923-26 in command of a Colonial Survey Section, charged with the duty of making a topographical map of South Johore.

As elsewhere in the peninsula (he stated) the east coast is very different from the west. On the east is a succession of beautiful sandy bays, broken by rocky, wooded headlands; the rocks are red, the sea dashes against them in foaming breakers, and in many places Capt. Kirby was strongly reminded of the Devon coast on a sparkling sunny day. But the beauty is not without its terrible side. Nearly everywhere, at nearly all seasons of the year, landing is difficult and dangerous, if not impossible. Ports are few and small, and outside them there are scarcely any inhabitants. On the other hand the western side of Johore is low-lying and muddy, and the sea is shallow for some distance from the actual coastline. Along the whole length of this western shore there is a belt of land from two to five miles wide which is highly cultivated and thickly inhabited. The land is slowly but constantly encroaching on the sea, and villages built near the mouths of the rivers a few years ago now lie some way back from the coast.

Big Game.

Rapid as the development of Johore has been since the introduction of rubber planting, the cultivated area is still barely one-fourth of the whole, and Johore remains, for the most part, a wild jungle-land country. Big game animals include elephant, rhinoceros, seladang, tiger, panther, and deer of various species; but they are rarely seen or heard. During the three years that he spent in the country, mostly in the jungle, Capt. Kirby did not catch sight of any of the larger animals, though one night a tiger prowled about his tent and once he heard an elephant pass within a few yards. With the exception of the tiger, game in Johore is preserved. Game licences can be obtained, but they are not cheap. Big game shooting requires considerable time, and coolies are expensive and inefficient. The Malay is no shikari, and a sportsman who has tracked his quarry for a whole day and made his kill late in the evening must generally be prepared to skin it with his own hands.

The best method of securing a tiger is to make friends with the manager of a rubber estate when he is suffering from the raids of a man-eater. If a coolie is taken while tapping rubber the whole of the tappers will strike, till either the tiger is killed or a large gang of men is employed to beat gongs and blow trumpets. The Malays believe that a man is never taken if he is looking in the direction of the tiger, so when they are tapping they wear masks on the backs of their heads in the hope of deceiving any man-eater that may stalk them. Both tiger and crocodile are treated as vermin, and rewards are offered for their capture, dead or alive. A live tiger is worth \$125, and a dead one \$75. The digging of game pits is forbidden in some districts, the penalty for infringement of the law being a fine of \$15. On one occasion a Chinaman was solemnly paid \$125 reward for a tiger taken alive, less \$15 fine for digging the pit in which the animal was trapped. The police usually cut a circular patch out of the shoulder of the skin in order to prevent repeat claims to the reward, and an enterprising Chinese firm tried to start a new form of invisible mending by inserting patches to match!

Aircraft as an Aid to Surveying. Capt. Kirby was fortunate in having aircraft to assist him in his task. Technically they were not of much assistance to him in the construction of his topographical map; in a country so thickly covered with vegetation as Johore is, air photographs do not show the ground features and land form. On the other hand aircraft were of very great help to him both as a speedy means of communication, enabling him to reach quickly from his base any point in the field, and as a means of reconnoitering the country ahead of his field parties.

In the old days a surveyor had to try to gauge the conditions ahead from hills or by trekking over the country. Laboriously "on foot." By sailing over it in an aeroplane he can see at once the general lie of the mountains, drainage system, communications, etc., and can thus plan out the work for the land parties not only more expeditiously, but more efficiently.

ON BAD GIRLS.

YOU MUST NOT CALL THEM GOOD.
CULT OF WICKEDNESS.

There is a considerable cult of wickedness nowadays. You would hardly dare call a modern girl "good" to her face. It might very possibly be true, but the poor thing would be dreadfully mortified.

It is at least as difficult to be very bad as to be fairly good for a girl with a normal upbringing. How many of these modern maidens strive after wickedness—and only achieve bad style? It is pathetic to think what a large percentage of them are no worse inside than their demure female ancestors.

That it is unshockable is one of the proudest boasts of modern ignorance. When someone says, as a preliminary to an anecdote, "I hope you're not easily shocked?" the addressee never contents herself with a mere "Not so very," or "Well, suppose you risk it." No, she laughs heartily and replies, "Why, I'm never shocked!"

Girls start in this fashion at quite an early age. You may often hear a sweet, silly, innocent little debutante get up in slavish imitation of a chorus girl, encouraging some quite nice young man to tell her some not quite nice story. When she hears the story, either she does not understand that there is anything wrong with it, or she is heartily ashamed of not quite liking it, or she considers proudly that she is going up in the world, and after all it must be all right as he is a friend of Angela's. In any case, she responds with a bright giggle. He, being too modern to know better, tells her another.

There is a sort of dismal humour about the sight of Nature's Good Little Girls trying to be rakish. They are not vicious, only silly.

As to the older girls, they all bark with no small energy, but comparatively few of them have much bite. Their conversation is as naughty as perseverance can make it. They discuss gloriously subjects that were taboo to the last generation. Some are not without wit and contrive to be very amusing.

In general, however, the spectacle of a lot of God's creatures sitting round a dinner table, and trying to think of remarks about bedrooms is something of an anæsthetic. Yet most of them are probably very good sorts, even if the ladies are painted like pierrots and have not sufficient imagination to think for themselves. Tell them they are little devils and they will adore you.

I do not, of course, deny that there are plenty of delightful creatures who still temper charm with discretion. I certainly do not deny that this age has its fair allowance of real vice, quite apart from the blatant cases of newspaper notoriety. There are, without doubt, a sufficiency of young women who achieve this sought-for wickedness without the faintest effort. But I contest that it is not these so much as the great multitude of their crude and comparatively innocuous disciples who catch the eye and excite so much unfavourable notice. The minority to whom badness is natural do it so much more gracefully.

Immorality is not really the crying evil of society. Our curse today is more the lesser nuisance of vulgarity.—"Daily Mail."

NEW PENSIONS.

\$225,000 MORE TO BE PAID WEEKLY.

All necessary arrangements have been made for the payment at post-offices throughout Great Britain of old-age pensions to insured persons who have attained the age of 65. An estimate based on official figures shows that the amount of additional money to be disbursed will be round about \$225,000 weekly, and this may be accounted the greatest new expenditure on pensions since the State, nearly twenty years ago, first began to provide assistance for aged persons.

The Prime Minister, in a letter to the Unions candidate at Northampton, draws attention to the great army of working men and women who are to-day insured against the more serious misfortunes of life. Expenditure by the State on social services now represents unquestionably an enormous annual commitment, and the Contributory Pensions Act alone involved a cost to the Exchequer during the last financial year of \$5,700,000. It is estimated that this sum will rise to \$6,400,000 in 1935 and 1936, and that when the first ten years of the operation of the measure have been completed the State will have been called upon to contribute a total sum of just over \$57,000,000.

ALBERT HALL.

SEATHOLDERS' FEARS FOR FUTURE.

"NIGHT CLUB—OR WORSE."

That the proxies from seatholders would defeat a resolution of the council of the Royal Albert Hall Corporation for adding five nominated members to the council, in accordance with the wishes of the Select Committee of the House of Lords, was stated by Sir William Bull, M.P., at a special general meeting of the corporation at the Albert Hall. He suggested that the meeting should be adjourned so that the facts for and against the proposals could be circulated to the seatholders.

Ten members voted for the adjournment and ten against, and the chairman (Earl Howe) gave his casting vote in favour of the adjournment, which was fixed for a fortnight.

The Select Committee suggested that the British Museum, the Board of Education, the Imperial College of Science, the Royal College of Music, and the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1905 should each nominate a member of the council.

Speaking against the proposals, Mr. Will Pearson said it was "the thin end of the wedge to make the hall a national institution," and there was a good deal of opposition to the proposals by seatholders, among whom the majority present were women.

History of Bill.

Earl Howe, who presided, explained at the beginning of the meeting, the history of the bill passed by Parliament last year regarding the hall and the recommendations of the Committee with relation to the nominated members. He said this was opposed by their counsel on the ground that it was an unnecessary interference with the rights of the council, but the Committee insisted upon it.

They had accepted the bill and a draft supplementary charter, which was necessary because all the recommendations had been prepared, and also a resolution to enable the five additional members to come on to the council.

They hoped that those would be passed unanimously, because it was certain if they were not passed the best interests of the corporation would be seriously prejudiced. He believed the seatholders were really determined once and for all to try to put this noble hall on a sound basis. The council had done all in their power to effect economies and attract business wherever possible. They should do well to remember that in this country Parliament was supreme, as was shown only a few weeks ago.

Private Property.

Mr. Will Pearson said the hall was strictly private property and privately owned, and to nominate those five members was the thin end of the wedge towards its nationalisation. No public fund had been given to it at all as far as he knew. He appreciated that the council felt themselves morally bound to support these proposals, but he was antagonistic to the House of Lords for having put forward this useless proposal. Only about half a dozen out of 395 seatholders knew what the proposal meant. He thought that the new members should take some part in the liability of the hall, and that the House of Lords cast a slur on

HUMAN EYESIGHT.

DOCTOR'S REMARKABLE DEDUCTION.

THE VISION OF FISH.

New York.—"Man has not yet completely ceased being a fish." This is the assertion of Dr. Eugene Wiseman, of Buffalo, president of the American Academy of Optometry, and he gave the statement as an explanation that near-sightedness, or myopia, was widely prevalent amongst the human species. He said:—

We have found that a great proportion of cases of myopia are caused, by the fact that the eyes naturally diverge to the right and to the left instead of looking straight ahead. The inner muscles of the eye, in trying to correct this and restore a parallelism of the vision of the two eyes, are subjected to a strain which produces nearsightedness. Prismatic lenses have now been developed which restore this parallelism while they allow the eyes to remain in their natural, slightly divergent, position. Many cases of myopia have been reduced, and many others have been entirely cured by this simple method.

Many lower animals, such as insects and birds, have vision incomparably keener than that of man. For example, to the mosquito, man glows like a burning coal. In man's development from the lower species the eyes have gradually come to the front from their position at the side of the head, as in the fish, and with this has come a great improvement—parallel vision of both eyes. This recently acquired binocular single vision possesses the incompleteness of most new mechanisms.

Dr. Wiseman added that myopia was increasing because modern civilisation necessitated close application, as in reading and handwriting, and so marked was this tendency that some persons had even predicted that eventually the human race would be cyclopean and have only one eye, and that in the middle of the forehead.

The seatholders by suggesting that a member of the council in later years might not be a proper person to manage the hall. He believed that the work of the council could be done better if the number were reduced. If the present proposal passed the number would be twenty-four, and that was too large. He also thought that the new councillors would be of no practical use as a preventive against the Albert Hall being turned into a night club, a gambling den, or worse. (Laughter.)

Two male seatholders supported Mr. Pearson.

Earl Howe said that the Select Committee thought that the additional members would strengthen in every way the position of the Royal Albert Hall as regards the community as a whole. That was their sole reason for their recommendation.

Mr. C. B. Cochran said it was definitely impressed upon him by the Select Committee that the Albert Hall must be regarded as something more than a private place of entertainment. There were certain obligations in connection with it, and the Committee thought that their proposal would increase the prestige of the Albert Hall.

HIS LAST FRAUD.

CRIMINAL WHO POSED AS A DOCTOR.

POISON FOR SUICIDE.

"A story without any redeeming feature" was the comment of the Acting Coroner for Birmingham after hearing the evidence regarding the death of an ex-convict who at the time of his suicide was wanted by the police in connection with sundry offences. The man, Harold Mifflin, otherwise Harold Malcolm Graham, otherwise John Cameron, of no fixed abode, described as a draughtsman, was found unconscious in his bedroom at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham. He died later in hospital from barbitone poisoning.

Eleanor Mifflin identified the body as that of her husband, who was married to her in 1912. He told her he had been in the Army, also that he had been adopted by wealthy people and had a fixed income. After the marriage he worked as a draughtsman for a time, but within six months left her. She heard that he went to Glasgow, and that subsequently he was convicted for some crime. She never saw him again alive. She had made inquiries from time to time, and heard he was in different prisons, and about seven years ago he wrote to her from Parkhurst Prison.

A detective-sergeant who took the man's finger prints produced a report from Scotland Yard stating that they were identical with those of a man convicted in March, 1924, under the name of Harold Malcolm Graham. He had been convicted a number of times since 1913 in different parts of England and Scotland under various names.

50 Veronal Tablets.

Witness related how Mifflin took a room at the Grand Hotel in the name of "John Cameron, Park Street, Aston," and sent a page to various chemists with a prescription. This was signed "J. Cameron, M.D.," and asked for fifty veronal tablets of five grains strength. One chemist supplied two tablets. Another, who at first demurred, received a note from "Cameron" saying he practised at Derby and Sheffield, and that it was very unusual for a doctor's prescriptions to be ignored. "Please comply," the note ended. Coming to the conclusion that it was a genuine doctor's prescription, the chemist supplied a bottle containing twenty-five tablets of barbitone, which was the equivalent of veronal. The bottle was labelled "poison." Ten grains, or two tablets, was the maximum dose. At the request of "Cameron," who said he thought he had pneumonia, one powdered tablet in milk was given to him. Later the bottle was found under his bed empty.

The Acting Coroner (Mr. D. Cuthbertson) said the story revealed was not relieved by any redeeming feature. The man deserted his wife some six months or less after marriage, and at a time when she was expecting a child. The records showed that from 1913 to 1924, at all events, he was convicted for various forms of fraud, including forgery. He was only released on license in September, after serving four years' penal servitude. At the time of his death he was wanted by the police for failing to report and for sundry

WOMAN SMOKER.

CHICAGO WOMEN BAN MISS ROYDEN.

LUNCHEON CANCELLED.

New York.—Chicago, a city notorious for its gunmen and bootleggers, is to be deprived of a religious message from Miss Maude Royden, the London preacher, because she smokes cigarettes. With the utmost politeness, members of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in the metropolis of the Middle West cancelled their luncheon engagement with Miss Royden on learning of her acquaintance with My Lady Nicotine. In a letter on their behalf, Mrs. Dan E. Brummitt says: "Smoking is not a general practice in this country, and it is not done at all by the women of our churches."

Miss Royden, who is reputed to smoke cigarettes because she enjoys them and because they seem to rest her nerves, has acquiesced in the decision of the Chicago women, though she regrets it. "I do not," she writes, "care a button whether or not I smoke while in the United States, but I certainly do not concede that it is a matter of religious importance."

Miss Royden has 150 engagements in this country. She is to lecture before church women in New York, Detroit, and Philadelphia who apparently agree with her that cigarettes do not constitute a religious issue.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 11, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong. Messrs. R. J. Bibeck, J. B. Baker, N. C. Berry, G. L. Blum, W. F. Barnes, C. F. Bird, G. M. Bridgeford, Mrs. Martin Bekina.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Chockson, Mr. E. F. Cormer.

Mrs. M. J. Elliott.

Messrs. N. Gell, G. J. Gardner, F. M. Gensburger, Miss T. Garnod, Messrs. A. F. Henry, Fred A. Hill, F. H. Hill, E. Hunt, C. A. Henderson, W. Hall, A. T. P. Heard, J. J. Harrison, W. M. Haimovitch, J. P. Hunt, Capt. T. P. Hall, Lt. Col. J. Holsol, Miss V. F. Harvey.

Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. H. A. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kemmes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leeds, Miss E. Linley.

Messrs. Fred B. Marshall, G. N. McHardy, Thos. McKnight, C. B. Morrison, Col. W. J. McElhenry, Mrs. MacFie.

Messrs. L. D. O'Bryan and F. S. Odum.

Messrs. J. Patrequin, H. S. Prophet, Miss Helen M. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley.

Messrs. T. Carr Ramsay, A. U. Reid.

Messrs. Jas. F. Stevens, Jr., O. G. Steen, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Stenberg, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sany, Miss A. M. Sinclair.

Messrs. G. Tinterman, E. M. Tyler, E. F. Thorpe.

Major and Mrs. Wamer, Mr. G. Wragge.

Mr. E. A. Yates.

other offences which he was supposed to have committed. He also appeared to be in great straits for want of money. "So I suppose he thought he might be better off in the next world than in this," added the Coroner, "and he took his life in this way."

A verdict of suicide was recorded, the coroner being of opinion that there was not sufficient evidence to show the state of the man's mind.

AMERICAN CRIME.

ROLES OF JUDGES AND POLICE.

METHODS CRITICISED.

New York.—Why is it that America, where there is less actual poverty than in any country in the world, compares so unfavourably with every other civilised country in crimes of violence? Every time there is a new record for murder established by some city in the United States this question is raised and discussed, and explanations are given which apparently bring conviction to few. According to some investigators, the "foreigners," with their low ideals, are responsible, but this charge has never been satisfactorily proved. Other experts maintain that vast numbers of people in the United States are still in the pioneer or frontier stage of development, and that they are not as yet permeated with the educational and spiritual influences of modern civilisation. A third section maintains that crime is a natural sequence to great wealth and luxury, and that in a country where more temptation is offered to the professional thief and gangster than anywhere else the number of lawless will, of course, be proportionately great. Whatever the reason may be, it seems difficult to explain that in Chicago, where crime is a highly organised industry, they have more murders in a week than London in a year!

"Disgrace to Civilisation."

One encouraging feature of the situation is the determination of public-spirited citizens as expressed in various ways, and notably in the establishment in 1925 of a National Crime Commission to stimulate public interest and action in the restoration of respect for the authority of the State in the performance of its fundamental duty of protecting the persons and property of its citizens. This Commission is handicapped because out of forty-eight States in America, only fifteen make any pretence of securing crime statistics. With thirty-three States negligent of an elementary duty, it is commented, nevertheless, that significant facts are furnished by the remaining fifteen to justify intelligent conclusions and decisive action in the way of reform.

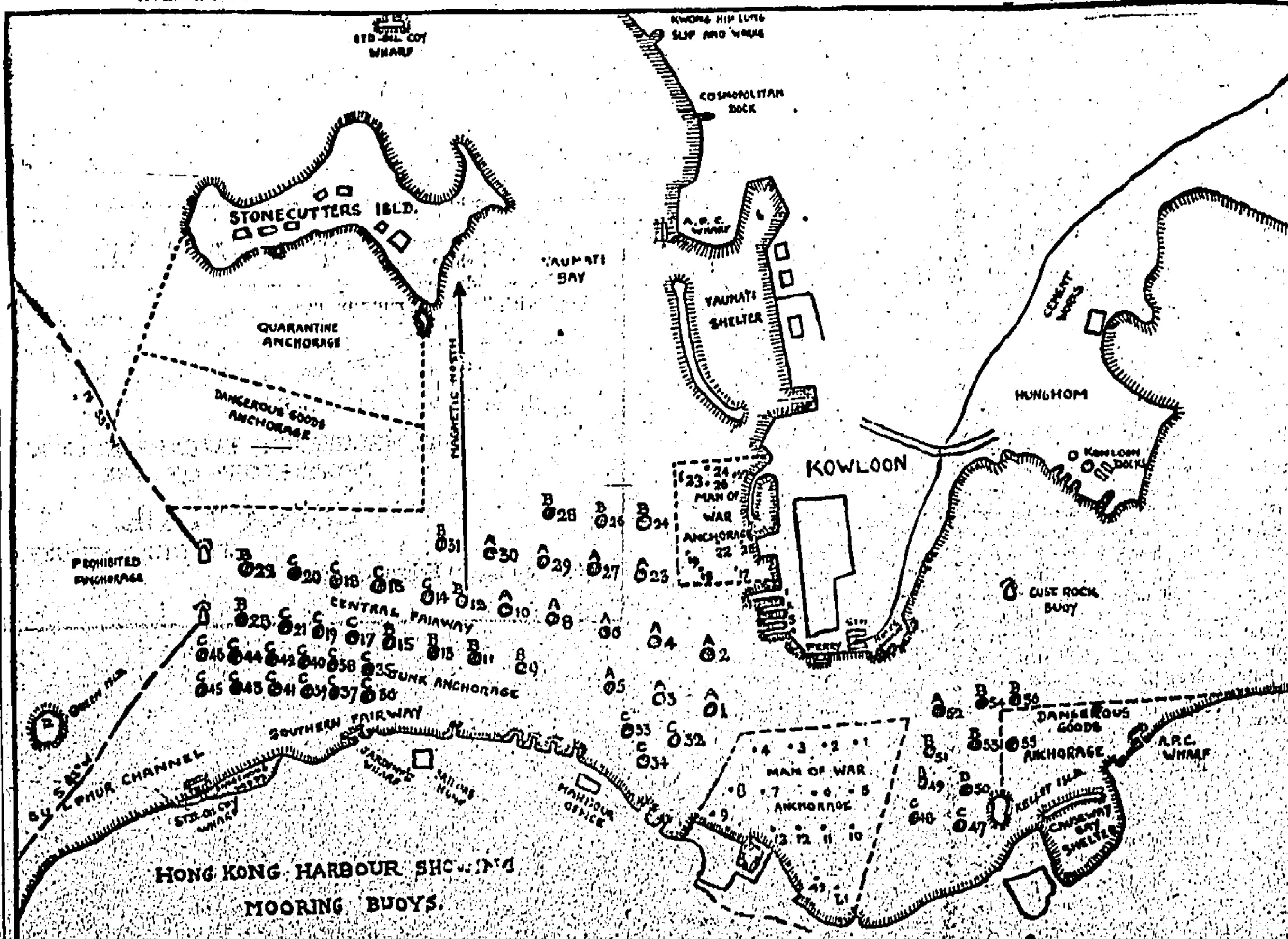
These conclusions, as stated by Chief Justice Taft, are that the administration of criminal law in the United States is "a disgrace to civilisation," that the trial of a criminal seems like a game of chance, with all the odds in favour of the criminal, and "if he escapes he seems to have the sympathy of a sporting public." Mr. Charles E. Hughes, former Secretary of State and an ex-Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a most eminent lawyer whose name is nationally known and respected, did not hesitate to say in an address to the American Bar Association that "America's capacity to protect life itself is in question. There is a manifest failure to secure through an adequate administration of our criminal law and appropriate punishment of crime the deterrent effects which are in a large measure the object of these laws."

The Law's Delays.

It cannot be doubted that in due course public opinion will finally secure the necessary reforms, but to date the movement is only in the nursery stage. Justice Crosey, of the Supreme Court of New York, declared not long ago that the delay in administering justice—provided the criminal, often allowed out on bail, does not escape arraignment—is due not to the courts being overworked, but to the fact that judges now on the bench, with easy hours and long holidays, do not work hard enough. With a population of twelve millions New York State has more than one hundred judges, of whom forty-eight sit in New York City. England, with a population of thirty-eight millions, disposes of similar business with thirty-three judges. If England had judges in the ratio of New York State she would have three hundred instead of thirty-three. Incidentally it may be said that one out of every eleven persons in America is a Federal, State, county, or city employee or otherwise living on the public funds.

The criticism which is heard in America on every side to-day extends not only to the delays in justice, inadequacies of sentence, and to lawyers for their methods of conducting big cases—nobody here doubts that they enjoy extraordinary latitude compared with Old Bailey procedure—but also to the American police system, which is accused of inordinate corruption. Here, as elsewhere, we have good police and bad police, but in the denunciation of the latter as the accomplices of crime, and not infrequently the beneficiaries of crime, it is the good as well as the bad who suffer. Reform the American police system, it is urged, and you will automatically reduce crime.

WHERE TO FIND SHIPS IN HONG KONG HARBOUR—CHART OF THE PRINCIPAL MOORING BUOYS.



CRIME PREVENTION.

A NEW BORSTAL NEEDED.

CHANCE FOR BENEFACITOR.

"I must have a new 'Borstal' in place of an old prison, with new ideas, new ideals, new work, and new hopes. The cry for national economy prevents this essential reform. Is there no rich man who will give me £100,000 and immortalise his name for ever?"

This striking statement was made by the Home Secretary (Sir William Joynson-Hicks) in the course of some comments which he offered on the annual report of the Prison Commissioners.

"Hospitals, yes; museums, yes; sports grounds, yes," he proceeded. "All good. But a Borstal takes bad raw material and converts it into good, honest humanity; good for the individual and good for the community."

The report of the Commissioners shows that there were 350 more persons confined to prison in 1926 on a daily average by comparison with 1925. A fact brought out in the report is the return to the paths of criminality of those who have already undergone imprisonment. In the case of men, 64 per cent., and in the case of women, not less than 87 per cent., had previous convictions.

The Report.

Some 350 more people were confined to prison in 1926 on a daily average, compared with the number during the preceding year. The average daily population was 10,860—approximately 115 per 100,000 of the national population—whereas the number of cells available at the penal establishments of all kinds exceed 20,000.

Such are the main facts revealed in the report, mainly statistical in character, that has been prepared by the Commissioners of Prisons and the Directors of Convict Prisons. Looking back, one finds that the "best" post-war year in the criminal sense was that immediately after the Armistice, for then the prisons were accommodating 9,683 offenders a day. By 1922 the number had risen to 12,179, but thereafter it fell back gradually to 1925, when it stood at 10,509. The upward tendency now noted is attributable mainly to male offenders, for the daily average of detentions amongst them rose in the twelve months from 9,635 to 9,972, that in respect to women advancing merely from 374 to 388.

In all 56,211 offenders were received at convict and local prisons during the year under review, an increase of 1,474. An analysis of the rise and fall of the more recognised offences is interesting. Fewer convictions occurred for drunkenness—in the case of men those fell from 7,083 to 6,832, and in the case of women from 3,615 to 3,554. Amongst men, however, there were higher figures in regard to larceny, false pretences, burglary and house-breaking, sexual offences, wounding, and forgery. Amongst women more offences were recorded in respect to prostitution, begging, and sleeping out, and less in respect to cruelty to children and breaches of police regulations.

A noticeable feature was the decline of debtor prisoners. The number of these fell from 11,610 to 10,683. Commitments under wife maintenance and affiliation orders were in the big majority, but those in respect to income-tax default, though small in the aggregate, were little more than half they had been the preceding year.

The Return To Prison.

One deplorable revelation concerns the return to criminal ways of those who have been imprisoned. No fewer than 64 per cent. of the men and 87 per cent. of the women who were taken to the gaols had been convicted previously. It is shown, indeed, that 10,228 of the men and 4,754 of the women had incurred over five earlier convictions, though it is pointed out that in 1913 there were 28,000 men and 15,000 women in a similar category. Some 2,945 men and 2,978 women had over twenty earlier convictions recorded against them, and the number whose record was not so bad, merely in a relative sense, was also considerable.

Fewer short sentences were imposed by the local courts. Those for one week or less, for instance, had declined from 6,766 to 5,970, and those from between one to two weeks from 7,845 to 6,786. In all there were 12,765 sentences of less than a fortnight's duration, and these may be placed in striking contrast with the corresponding total of 109,915 in 1909.

Coming to the young prisoners, the report is hardly encouraging, for it is shown that the number of lads received on conviction between the ages of 16 and 21, exclusive of Borstal cases, had risen from 2,054 to 2,464. A small decrease was to be noted, on the other hand, in regard to girls. So far as the lads are concerned, the most troublesome ages are, apparently, 19 and 20, for offenders of these years accounted for 1,508 of the total. It is shown that 50 per

cent. of all those imprisoned had been previously convicted, some on one or two occasions only, though there are many against whom anything from six to twenty earlier convictions were registered. Larcenies accounted for the most numerous commitments of both boys and girls.

Borstal Success.

Some 1,164 lads and sixty-seven girls were inmates of the various Borstal institutions, and the numbers have been growing. So numerous were those at Borstal itself, Feltham, and Portland, that it was very difficult, it is stated, for the governor and house-masters to maintain the personal touch with each lad that was essential to Borstal training. In addition, there was the difficulty in finding suitable occupations for all the lads, particularly at Feltham.

The need for a new Borstal institution is re-emphasised. "A large part of the success of the Borstal system," declares the report, "has been due to the individual attention given to the lads by the heads of the institutions, to the corporate spirit created, and to the arrangements for active and interesting employment, and all these methods become less effective if the numbers are too large."

Convict cells at Portland are being converted into self-contained Borstal houses, and the interesting fact is told that the work is being carried out by Borstal boys under the supervision of three or four skilled workers.

Home Secretary's Plea.

Sir William Joynson-Hicks was asked before he left for the South of France whether he could supplement, in the light of the report (which was then before him), the views on prison reform published two months ago, and he granted an interview, in which he said:

"The report contains much statistical information about the prison population in 1926. In that year the number of receptions into prisons on conviction was 45,249, of which nearly 38,000, or 84 per cent., were for sentences not exceeding three months, and 12,765, or 28 per cent., were for sentences not exceeding two weeks. These figures compare favourably with those for the pre-war periods, when the annual receptions ranged between 150,000 and 180,000."

"But though the decrease of imprisonments as compared with pre-war figures is satisfactory, I believe there is still room for a reduction in the number of short sentences, and in this direction lies my great hope of prison reform. As I have often said, my object is to keep the prisons as empty as possible. I am aware of the difficulties often experienced by the courts."

"Frequently a short term of imprisonment is the only sentence practicable; but the ideal to be aimed at is—first, to avoid imprisonment whenever some alternative course, such for example as probation or fine, is practicable; and secondly, if more lenient treatment is inappropriate to the offence or has already been tried and proved futile, then to impose a sharp term of imprisonment."

"I am sure that the re-making of a man depends on two factors—discipline and work—and my object in prison administration is to see that my charges get both."

"When a lad becomes used to prison conditions the deterrent effect of imprisonment is almost nil. The Borstal institutions, on the contrary, with their courses of vigorous training and discipline for a year or two, offer hopeful possibilities of changing a lad's outlook and giving him a new start."

"The report calls attention to the need for a new Borstal institutions. If there are too many lads in one institution it becomes increasingly difficult for the superior officers to maintain with each of them the personal touch which counts for so much. In Borstal treatment. To start a new institution on lines such as I would like to see adopted means, I fear, considerable expense, but the problem will have to be faced in the near future."

"The great hope of the future lies in cutting off the supply of criminals at the source by providing a really reformatory system of training for young people who are still at the plastic age. If a lad who is falling into habits of crime is merely sent to prison for a few weeks or a few months, the chances of his becoming a regular gaol bird are great. If, however, he is sent for a prolonged course of training under strict discipline, there is a hope that he may be turned into a useful citizen, and that if this policy is consistently adopted in all suitable cases, the prison statistics may in future years fall more and more rapidly."

Mr. Maurice Littleboy, professor at Melbourne, Australia, college, arrived in Shanghai, on the liner "President Lincoln," en route to German town, Pennsylvania, where he will join the staff of an educational institution there.

NEW PRAYER BOOK.

OUTLINE OF PRINCIPAL CHANGES.

EFFECT OF MALINES.

The House of Bishops of the Church Assembly met at Lambeth Palace to resume the consideration of the position brought about by the rejection of the New Prayer Book by the House of Commons on Dec. 15. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided, and the only absentee was the Bishop of Liverpool, who was attending the funeral of his mother, and the Bishop of Manchester. It is expected that both will be present to-morrow, the meeting having been adjourned.

The discussion of the changes to be made in the Book by way of explanation and for removing misapprehension occupied between three and four hours. Their object is to meet the objections made in the House of Commons that the Book, and particularly the service of Holy Communion, shows a definite approach to Roman Catholic doctrine. The exclusive publication in "The Daily Telegraph" yesterday of Viscount Halifax's notes on the Malines Conversations has not, our Ecclesiastical Correspondent understands, been without its bearing on the Bishops' discussion of the problem confronting them.

No statement regarding their deliberations will be published until the final conclusions have been reached. The printing of the "Black Rubric" in the alternative Communion Office, making the Prayer for the King compulsory, and incorporating the rules respecting the Reservations of the Blessed Sacrament in the rubrics are among the principal changes which are at present deemed advisable.

Evangelical Message.

At a conference of the Fellowship of Evangelical Churchmen a message was sent to the Bishops at Lambeth, pointing out that:

"1. All our objections to the Deposited Book stand unaltered. '2. We believe that the rejection of the said Book by Parliament was a definite answer to prayer, and should be regarded as final. '3. Whilst a revision on the lines of the Irish or of the Canadian Prayer Book would be welcome, a reintroduction of the Deposited Book, merely with explanations' would necessitate our unabated opposition."

"Phantom of Reunion." "The pronouncement of the Pope has dissolved the phantom of reunion of the Church of England with that of Rome, and the dream of Lord Halifax has passed into the limbo of exploded fallacies," stated Mr. Henry Fowler, secretary of the Protestant Alliance, to the Press representative. He recalled that at the time of the Malines Conversations in 1924 he wrote:

"Were these conferences carried to a conclusion the loss would be all on the side of the Anglicans. Rome would be rigid in her dogma and unmoved in her attitude. Such a possibility would rend the Established Church beyond repair. Those Anglo-Catholics to whom the Archbishop has unwisely listened, and who, after all, are the

sole minority who are labouring under this illusion of Romish reunion, would go over to Rome, while the Evangelicals would turn to the great Nonconformist bodies. One course would be open—the disestablishment of the Church of England."

MALAYAN PRESS.

COMMENDATION BY LORD ELIBANK.

STURDILY INDEPENDENT.

In the course of a leader on Press and public criticism of Government the "Malay Mail" writes: In all seriousness, however, so far as the Malayan Press is concerned, His Excellency's invitation leaves the situation quite unchanged. Whatever its other faults, it always has been, for the past quarter of a century at any rate, sturdily independent, subservient neither to the Government nor to vested interests and it has never waited for any invitation to offer frank criticism whenever it has thought it desirable and in the public interest to do so, without ever considering whether its comments were likely to prove palatable to the person or body criticised, or not. And there is no sign that we can discern of any change in that attitude. At the same time, it has always managed—and this is true of all the daily papers printed here—to avoid any appearance of being consistently "against the Government" and generally the relationship between the two estates has been friendly and mutually helpful. As Sir Hugh knows only too well, in many other Colonies that is not the case. In Ceylon, for example, there are several organs whose policy is always opposed to that of the administration—whatever the latter may be. Viscount Elibank, who served for a good many years as a Civil Servant in the Crown Colonies in the West Indies, commented when he was here lately on the high tone of the local Press; and remarked that in other places there were newspapers which simply had to be anti-Government in order to keep their readers and live. Happily, such conditions do not obtain in Malaya and, while Lord Elibank considered the local Government was fortunate in its Press, we may justly concede that the advantages are not confined to one side. Not that all our Governors and High Commissioners have sought to consult public opinion or welcomed newspaper criticism. Far from it, and we shall have more to say on that subject at a future date. But they have got it, whether they wanted it or not, and Sir Hugh Clifford may rest assured that he too will get plenty of it as time goes on. What, however, he can count upon is that in the main it will be friendly and constructive rather than hostile and carping criticism and that its object will be to assist and make smooth the efficient running of the administrative machinery and not to obstruct or impede it.

A BIG FEAT.

MILLIONS OF NEW TICKETS.

ORGANISATION.

One of the greatest feats of organisation attempted by the railway companies of Great Britain was completed when the great change-over of tickets due to the revised fares took place.

The new rates were fixed after long deliberation by the Rates Tribunal, which had to deal with the conditions, including the permanent doubling of wages, which came into existence during the war when railways were under State control. Tens of millions of new tickets were installed in the ticket offices of London's terminal stations alone, and to complete this immense task augmental staffs were working at full pressure until 6 a.m.

Rolls of 10,000. At Paddington Station tickets for more than 1,000 stations had to be dealt with, and these were arranged in 8,000 separate tubes in rolls varying from 50 to 10,000 tickets each. The fares vary from 1½d. the fare to Westbourne Park, 5½d. the first-class return fare to Penzance.

At Victoria, Euston, St. Pancras, and Waterloo stations an equal task was carried out without delay.

In some cases the fares will be cheaper, in others dearer. Some idea of the vast task which the railways have carried through can be gained from figures given to a reporter by an official of the L.N.E.R. Since 1923 2,649,200 rates and 1,636,800 fares have been examined, and for each rate at least three and for each fare six calculations have had to be made so that the total calculations number nearly 20,000,000. In addition, 8,000,000 distances between stations have been compiled, checked, and entered at least four times.

DOGS CHEAP.

CLUB-ROW VICTIMS OF YEAR'S TAX.

Dozens of shivering dogs stood dejectedly in the famous Club-row dog market, Bethnal Green, E., in two inches of slush, surrounded by aristocratic puppies of all breeds. They would not have been there but for the fact that dog-licences had become due.

Rather than pay the 7s. 6d. tax to keep their pets for another year, many owners brought their dogs to the row and offered them at prices ranging from 1s. to 10s.

"Here you are, sir," cried one man; a first-class house-dog for four shillings. He'll guard your house like a regiment of soldiers, pointing to a shivering creature that looked as if it were more partial to warm fires than burglars.

Dogs that started at 21 1s. were reduced every half-hour until they were sold for five or six shillings.

Many shaggy little animals, poking their noses out of their owners' coats, might have been doomed to end their days roaming the streets had not sympathetic women, taking pity on them, bought them.

GOLDEN ORANGES.

"TRUTH AND THE AFRICAN REALTY TRUST."

MR. ROBINS BROWNE.

I am indebted to a reader in the East says "Truth," in his mail week issue, for a cutting from the "Straits Times" of November 19 containing the following telegram from Batavia:

"Mr. Robins Browne, who has been two weeks in Java trying to find buyers for orange-growing estates in South Africa, has been asked by the Government to leave the country as soon as possible."

Mr. Robins Browne (the name is a free adaptation of a Russian-Jewish patronymic) figured, with one Stanley Grove Spiro as joint promoter of 'Consolidated Cotton Fields of Africa, Ltd., a bubble in which—as I related on December 21—"Lancashire men interested in the Empire cotton-growing movement have dropped about £40,000. My article mentioned that while Spiro had continued to exercise his talents as a share-hawker in England, Robins Browne had resumed his previous employment as a salesman for the African Realty Trust, Ltd., one of the concerns which hold out so illusorily the promise of a handsome permanent income from the purchase of a plot of land for orange-growing. Mr. Browne had a disagreeable reception in Batavia, the newspapers there quoting 'criticisms of the orange-plot proposition from "Truth," and it now appears from the above telegram that his visit to the country was abruptly terminated by the local Dutch Government. I think that Government is to be congratulated on its action, but the African Realty Trust can, of course, continue to plant its plots on credulous British investors. Only last week I saw once more in the "Evening Standard" a repetition of that advertisement of the Trust, which is known to so many of the existing plotters as a snare and delusion.

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London, Yesterday. Medical men and athletes are interested in an experiment made by Dr. Adolphe Abrahams, of the Westminster Hospital. Dr. Abrahams had an artery removed from his arm to see if his 27 years of strenuous athletics had led to any deterioration of the arteries.

The artery was found to be in a normal condition.

Dr. Abrahams considers this goes to disprove that athletes suffer ill effects, as is often suggested.

His brother, Mr. H. M. Abrahams, the famous athlete, expressed the opinion that the real danger in the strenuous life of an athletic competition is the psychological effect.

"When you go in for four or five years of competitions of one kind and another, you are in the public eye and always wondering whether you are going to beat the other fellow. That is where the strain comes in," he said.—British Wireless Service.

HOME SPINNERS.

PROGRESS IN LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS.

GENERAL DECISION.

London, Yesterday. The general committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations has received a report from a sub-committee which is negotiating with the Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers Association in regard to wages and hours.

No official statement has been issued, but it is understood that all the associations in the Federation except the Bolton Spinners handling Egyptian cotton have decided to tender the operatives a month's notice demanding an alteration in the wages and hours agreement in the American yarn section.—Reuter.

NORTH POLE FLIGHT.

U.S. ARCTIC EXPLORER'S VENTURE.

Seattle, Yesterday.

The Arctic explorer, Captain George Wilkins, accompanied by Lieutenant Eilsson, have left for Alaska to make a third attempt to fly over the North Pole in search of land whereon to plant the United States flag. He expects to start the flight early in Spring from Point Barrow in Spitzbergen, and estimates that the distance is 2,100 miles. He is taking a new aeroplane and six months' supplies. The Federal Court.—Reuter's American Service.

SINGAPORE FLIGHT.

Cairo, Yesterday.

The British airmen Major Newall and Captain Vincent have arrived at Tripoli en route to Singapore.—Reuter.

Hickler At Karachi.

Karachi, Yesterday.

Hickler has arrived in a record time for flight aeroplanes, his average speed being 80 miles an hour.—Reuter.

Fastest Time.

Hickler's time from Croydon to Karachi of seven and a half days is the fastest up to now. The previous best was that of the Air Minister Sir K. Hoare who took 11 days last year. The fastest trip from Europe to India, of seven days, was made by the Dutch pilot Koppers from Amsterdam to Karachi in October in a Fokker driven by British Engines.—Reuter.

U.S. Air Routes.

St. Louis, Yesterday.

Lindbergh claims that his flight demonstrated the feasibility of airmail routes over the 15 countries he visited. His safe arrival has relieved widespread anxiety owing to fog and rain over the last stages.

Mr. Davis, the War Secretary, applauded the flight. Speaking at Jefferson, Missouri, he declared he would employ Lindbergh to give up risking his life in the air because his death would be an irreparable loss to the country and the cause of aviation.

The "New York Times" understands that the trustees of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation are considering conferring the Wilson Peace Award on Lindbergh because his air voyages have all been "goodwill" flights.—Reuter's American Service.

Baron and Lady Gillaume, Mr. Gell, Captain Brantome, Lt. E. R. Von Preissner and Dr. Vecien were among the Hong Kong passengers who joined the "Sphinx" yesterday on her departure for Shanghai.

NOT YET READY?

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TARIFF AUTONOMY.

"God of Wealth" Busy At Peking.

Peking, Feb. 9. Mr. Liang Shih-yi, member of the committee of the Customs Autonomy Commission of Peking Government, called on Mr. Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister to Peking, yesterday evening and exchanged views with him concerning China's customs autonomy.

Shanghai Communists. The Nationalist Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has addressed a Note to the Senior Consul at Shanghai requesting him to take up with the members of the Consular Body and the Shanghai Municipal Council the question of Communist activities in the International Settlement. He says that Communists have been circulating counter-revolutionary literature in the Settlement and asks that steps should be taken to prevent them.

Mr. Liang is said to have informed the Japanese Minister



that a commission has been formed by Mr. Liang Shih-yi, who is known as the "God of Wealth." He has a fine residence on the Hong Kong mid-levels.

ed for the purpose of framing concrete preparations on the enforcement of Customs autonomy in this country as from February, 1929, and asked for favourable assistance to the scheme to be given by the Japanese Government.

It is reported that the Peking Government is now in course of consideration concerning the selection of Northern delegates to be sent out to Shanghai for the Customs conference between the Peking and the Nanking Governments, and it is expected that an official nomination will be made shortly.—Toho.

TO DIE.

DEGENERATE YOUTH AS MURDERER.

Los Angeles, Yesterday.

The degenerate youth William Hickman has been sentenced to death for the murder of Marion Parker, the 12-year-old daughter of a banker whom Hickman abducted, murdered and mutilated, subsequently handing over the mangled body to the father in exchange for a ransom of \$1,500.

Hickman escaped in a motor car but was captured and brought back to Los Angeles where he was tried. The defence pleaded insanity but the plea was rejected.—Reuter's American Service.

DUTCH OIL.

EXPLOITATION IN EAST INDIES.

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Upper Chamber by 21 votes to 14 has passed a bill to permit the exploitation of petrol-bearing districts in the Bay of Aroe, also on Boengoe Island, by a Dutch East Indies petroleum company.—Reuter.

A reward of \$50 is offered by the Naval Authorities for the recovery of a 21 inch torpedo which was lost from one of the H.M. Ships on Feb. 8, in West Lamma Channel in a position approximately 207 deg., 7.8 miles from Green Island light.

A Recital of Music will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 23, at 5.30 p.m. Mrs. Clements of Canton will sing; Mrs. Cashman, Pianist; Mrs. Hargreaves, Brownie—Accompanist. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.—Advt.

TAIPO ROAD CASE.

NAVAL OFFICER SUCCEEDS IN CLAIM.

MOTOR CYCLE CRASH.

A collision between a motor car and a stationary motor cycle combination on the Taiipo Road led to a Summary Court action this morning when Lt. Comdr. T. Trust, of H.M.S. "Tamar" sued Oscar Yuen, driver of the car, for \$50 damages.

From the evidence, it appeared that plaintiff, together with Lieut. Finlayson, was driving from Kowloon in the direction of Taiipo when the front wheel of the motor cycle crashed into the wall at one of the corners owing to the defection of the brake. Being unable to wheel the cycle, plaintiff placed it on the extreme right of the wall and awaited assistance which was promised by a Police officer who passed shortly after the accident.

The collision on which the claim was based took place during this interval while plaintiff and his friend were on the left hand side of the road and the motor cycle on the right. The defendant's car came round the corner and dragged the stationary cycle combination for several yards doing the damage claimed for.

It was argued on behalf of the defendant that the motor cycle being on the wrong side of the road, the fault lay with the plaintiff.

For plaintiff, it was claimed that the placing of the cycle there was from necessity and not from choice.

His Honour held that defendant was to blame in not keeping sufficiently to the left in taking the corner and gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

CHILD'S FUNERAL.

SEQUEL TO DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

LITTLE MISS LARTER.

The funeral of little Miss Gabrielle Larter, daughter of Bandmaster and Mrs. E. L. Larter, 5/2 Punjabis, whose death as the result of falling from a verandah occurred on Sunday, took place yesterday morning and was attended by the bereaved parents and a number of friends.

The Rev. G. F. Stopford officiated at a service at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley. Later, the remains were taken to the Japanese Crematorium at Sookumpoo Valley. The ashes will be taken to India when the parents leave with the Punjabis at the end of the month.

Wreaths were sent by Lt. Col. Coates, Officers and their wives, of the 5/2 Punjabi Regiment, Major Frank Hogg and Mrs. Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tolan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. Guest and Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. da Costa, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. E. Ablog, "Patricia," Constance and Reginald, Nora Kelly, and others.

HAICHOW PIRATES.

FOUR JAPANESE SEAMEN CAPTURED.

Peking, Yesterday.

The latest information regarding the Haichow pirates shows that four Japanese seamen are still in pirate hands as the pirates abandoned the "Kaifu Maru" during the night, carrying off the Japanese.

The "Kaifu Maru's" engines are damaged but she is being towed to Tsingtao.—Reuter.

[Note: Haichow is a port on the coast of north Kiangsu province, the Nationalists exercise a degree of control.]

RIVER COLLISION.

Captain D. G. Mille of the s.s. "Taming," China Navigation Co., reports that his ship and the s.s. "Sai On" were involved in a slight collision on the Canton river on Tuesday morning. It is known that no serious damage was incurred. Just above the Tai Shek Barrier, the two vessels came together, the bows of the "Taming" striking the "Sai On" on the port quarter, damaging the rails on the lower and upper decks. After the collision, both vessels proceeded on their routes.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Consul-General for the United States in Hong Kong, and a small party of friends including Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong, Major and Mrs. G. F. Charles, and Mr. L. Child called on the Governor of Macao recently and lunched with H.E. Senhor Tasmaginat de Sousa Barbosa and Madame Barbosa, after which a short visit was paid to the Macao Photographic Exhibition before returning to Hong Kong the same day.

EARL OXFORD.

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The Cabinet went beyond his power to weld it. Lifelong political associations were tested, and some broken. Throughout the discussions, as we have read of them since, Mr. Asquith stands out among his fellow-Ministers in dignity and solidity of thought and judgment, a national Prime Minister, equal in cool nerve and patient courage to the crisis of a century. Mr. Winston Churchill, in his book, "The World Crisis," has given us Mr. Asquith's portrait in those days: "Solid as a rock." When the crisis was faced and challenged, it was Mr. Asquith's full and emphatic phrasing, fit for noble themes, that interpreted the determination of the country and first laid down its war aims.

The Heir. Mr. Asquith's heir is his grandson Julian, the son of the brilliant Raymond Asquith, who was killed in 1916 on service in France with his battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Viscount Asquith, it is understood, will be the heir's future designation. In these days of breathless change, it is pleasant to know that Raymond Asquith's name, below that of his father, has already survived one septennial re-painting of the staircase in Harcourt-buildings, Temple, where he had only time to begin what would doubtless have been a distinguished career at the Bar.

Three other sons of the new Earl of Oxford, by his first marriage, Mr. Herbert Asquith, Brigadier-General Arthur Asquith, and Mr. Cyril Asquith, all served with distinction in the war. Their sister, Lady Bonham Carter, who married her father's Private Secretary, Sir Maurice (then Mr.) Bonham Carter, in 1915, is a gifted speaker.

By his second marriage with Miss Margot Tennant, daughter of the late Sir Charles Tennant, Bt., which took place in 1894, Mr. Asquith has one son and one daughter—Mr. Anthony Asquith, now an undergraduate at Balliol and an amateur musician of repute, and Princess Antoine Bibesco, wife of the Roumanian Minister at Washington, whose decided literary gifts expressed in several books, have a serious affinity with the work of Schnitzer.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE MAGIC FLAME" AT THE QUEEN'S.

TWO POPULAR STARS.

Two of the most popular players of the screen, Ronald Colman, the handsome hero of "Beau Geste," and Vilma Banky, the beautiful Hungarian actress, are to be seen in "The Magic Flame" the remarkable film which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. Ronald Colman plays two roles in the film, that of a clown and that of a count. Vilma Banky is an aerial artist for Colman's two characters love and struggle. The action of the story takes place in a Mediterranean country, Baret's circus furnishing the background against which Vilma Banky and Ronald Colman make love. It is when Colman, the Clown, has triumphed over Colman, the Count, that the locale is switched to the Royal Court, with the Clown accepted on all hands as the King of Illyria. When Vilma Banky arrives at the court to avenge the murder of her lover, the Clown, she does not suspect the true identity of the monarch, and it is with the disentanglement of this tense situation that the plot thereafter is concerned.

"TOPSY AND EVA."

"Topsy and Eva," the Duncan Sisters' first film, is coming to Hong Kong on Sunday and Monday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The picture is a parody on "Uncle Tom's Cabin," with "Topsy" running away on snowshoes over the ice and Little Eva not even going to heaven. Uncle Tom is a jovial Negro who can dance the Charleston or Black Bottom with the best of them. Rosetta Duncan plays "Topsy" in blackface and Vivian Duncan plays "Little Eva" in whiteface. The cast includes Gibson Gowland, the McTeague of "Von Stroheim's," "Greed," Noble Johnson, Marjorie Daw, Myrtle Ferguson (who played Aunt Ophelia on the stage with the Duncans), Nila Aster (a "discovery" of the director Mauritz Stiller), and Henry Victor, the English actor. "Topsy and Eva" was first presented on the stage on December 30, 1923, at the Selwyn Theatre, Chicago, and it has been playing in different cities ever since.

St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club are holding a dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant, to-night at 8.45 p.m. The music will be supplied by the "Titania's Melodians."

IN TROUBLE.

SOLDIERS CHARGED WITH THEFT.

JOCKEY CLUB PROSECUTE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Corporal J. Davidson and Bombardier G. H. Lowe, both of the 1st Company, Royal Artillery, who were employed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club at the race course in connection with the Race Meeting, were charged on three counts relating to \$75, which they collected in the course of their duty as gate attendants.

The three charges alleged an attempt to steal the money, attempted embezzlement of the money, the property of the Jockey Club, and attempted fraud with regard to the money by mutilating entrance tickets.

Mr. R. A. Wadeson appeared to prosecute for the Jockey Club, whilst an officer of the Royal Artillery was present in Court to watch the proceedings in the interest of the Military Authorities.

Both accused pleaded "not guilty" to all the three charges.

Without making any statement of the facts of the case, Mr. Wadeson asked for a remand for the purpose of collecting evidence.

Hearing of the case was fixed for Tuesday afternoon next at 2.15 p.m.

The Magistrate mentioned the matter of bail, and Mr. Wadeson suggested that bail was not necessary, as the accused would be under the supervision of the Military Authorities.

Mr. Lindsell said that there must be a bond to ensure the accused's presence in Court, and on Mr. Wadeson saying that he was not asking for cash bail, his Worship fixed it in personal bonds of \$50 each.

GREEN HOWARDS.

ARRIVE HOME FROM CHINA.

London, Yesterday. The First Green Howards have arrived at Southampton from Shanghai aboard the transport "Dorsetshire."—Reuter.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," sailed from Hong Kong on January 26, and arrived at Vancouver on February 12.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Shanghai for this port on Feb. 14, at 3.30 p.m., and is due here on Feb. 17, at about 6 a.m.

The B. I. "Taina" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, at p.m., and is due here on Feb. 19, at a.m. The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 23.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 6 a.m. and is due here on February 21 at about 6 a.m.

Havana, Cuba, January 28.—Representatives of 21 nations joined Cuba in commemorating to-day the birthday anniversary of Jose Marti, Cuban patriot, who died a martyr's death after leading his countrymen in the revolution against Spain.

To-morrow at 9.15 p.m. the Barnard Musical Comedy Company begin a season of four nights in the Star Theatre. The first piece to be presented will be "Katja, the Dancer," which will be followed by "Mercenary Mary," "Queen High" and "Review of Revues." Booking is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. There will be a late tram to the Peak.

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Late Tram To The Peak.

Mrs. Harriet Fraser, aged 40, of Finborough Road, South Kensington, fell from the balcony of her home when seeing the Old Year out and was killed.

Leaving for Shanghai, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., sailed from Hong Kong to-day on the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada."

Two hounds of the Staintondale Hunt, in dashing after two foxes, went over the high cliffs at Cloughton, north of Scarborough, Yorkshire, and one was killed.

Among the passengers on the "Empress of Canada," which left for northern ports to-day, was Mr. C. C. Knight, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Shanghai.

A reprieve has been granted to William George Eutherford, aged 25, a Liverpool fruit porter, sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, whose throat he cut in the street.

The 2nd Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment reached Southampton in the transport "City of Marseilles" after eight years in the East, and entrained for Colchester.

"Our statistics appear to suggest that the female is far less violent in her ways and far more honest in money matters than the male," say the Wimbledon justices in their annual report.

Joyce Thompson, aged 5, and Emma Hughes, aged 7, both of Moss Road, Kearsley, near Bolton, were killed by the collapse of a 10ft. barn wall at the Old Moss Farm, Kearsley.

Made daring by want of food, herds of wild deer are raiding farm lands in the Dalmally (Argyllshire) district, and farmers have to chase them over fences surrounding hay, corn, and turnips.

United States exports for the first nine months of 1927 totalled in value more than \$700,000,000, representing a gain of 3 per cent. over the figures for the corresponding period of 1926.

According to a Reuter cable from London, Charlott, ex-Empress of Mexico, left property in Great Britain valued at £116,214. The value of her property abroad is believed to exceed £1,250,000.

On a holiday trip to Vancouver, and then around the world, Mr. O. Eager, of the export department of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., left Hong Kong on the "Empress of Canada" to-day.

The executive of the London Engineering Joint Trades Committee unanimously decided to apply at the end of the stabilization period for an increase in wages of £1 a week on all base rates in the Greater London area.

President Hindenburg, who received New Year's greetings from German Ministers and the Diplomatic Corps, declared that "foreign military might and occupation of the country are irreconcilable with final pacification."

A skeleton found in Hollington Wood, Battle, Sussex, on December 18 has been identified by the artificial teeth as that of Mrs. Emma Frances Cozens, aged 40, a widow, of Southampton, who had been missing since November 7, 1926.

Col. Meredith, Officer Commanding the M.S.V.R., Messrs. Stewart, Tucker, Puckridge, Macintosh, Garside, Nicoll, Farrington, Rutler and McIntyre, and Mrs. B. W. Elles, are at present in the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur.—M.M.

Dr. S. S. Rajanysagam, Senior Assistant Surgeon, Kuala, Pahang, who had been to Ceylon and India on ten months' leave, has returned and resumed duties. During his holiday he secured the Diploma in Tropical Medicine at the Calcutta Medical College, coming out at the head of the list.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Burgess were among the passengers who left Hong Kong to-day on the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada." As the Superintendent Engineer of the C.P.S., Mr. Burgess is returning to Vancouver after being in Hong Kong for some time in connection with the annual overhaul of the "Empress" liners.

Macao, Feb. 9.—An official visit to Macao was made by the Italian Consul-General at Hong Kong, Senator Carrara, aboard the Italian gunboat "Sebastiano Caboto." The visitors arrived on Sunday, the 6th instant and left the following Thursday. An official dinner in honour of the visitors was given by His Excellency the Governor on Sunday night.

Mr. J. S. Gubbay departed to-day for Shanghai, by the "Empress of Canada."

Major and Mrs. Henshaw, of Queta India, sailed from Hong Kong to-day per the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada," for Vancouver.

Gold bullion to the value of \$250,000, consigned from the Royal Bank of Canada to the Bank of England, arrived at Liverpool and was forwarded by train to London.

Nearly 100 persons have already died from a disease, which doctors have failed to diagnose, which is raging in the Bobrujsk district of Russia, near the Polish frontier. High temperature and swelling of the face and feet are the most marked symptoms.



Col. Norman Brandon Judah, of Chicago, new American Ambassador to Cuba.

The Chinese seaman named Ho Tin who is charged before Major C. Wilson with attempting to obtain \$4,000 each from two Chinese women by alleged false pretences, in that he represented that the money was required to secure the release of four of the women's relatives who were arrested by the Chinese authorities at Shanghai as suspected communists, was yesterday discharged at the Central Magistracy. Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the defence.



Perry M. Parker, father of little Marion Parker, of Los Angeles, Calif., who was alleged to have been kidnapped and murdered by William Edward Hickman, nineteen-year-old youth. "Mr. Parker is an official at the bank which formerly employed Hickman, who was arrested for forgery."

Mr. R. C. Tredwell, Consul-General for the U.S.A. in Hong Kong, and a small party of friends, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong, Major and Mrs. G. F. Charles, and Mr. L. Child, called on H.E. the Governor on Sunday last and lunched with H.E. Senhor Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa and Madame Barbosa, after which a short visit was paid to the Macao Photographic Exhibition before returning to Hong Kong the same day.

On Monday night, four robbers armed with daggers raided a house in Samohang village, Taipo. The occupants of the house offered plucky resistance. In the ensuing struggle the master of the house was wounded when the intruders endeavoured to gag him. The robbers stayed in the house for about half an hour and carried out a systematic search of the place, but succeeded in collecting only \$4.60 in money and some blankets and clothing of not very great value. On receiving information of the robbery, the Taipo police went to the house and had the wounded man removed to the hospital.

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FIGURES TO KNOW.

LUCKY NUMBERS IN CASH SWEEPS.

SOME PRIZE-WINNERS.

Below are given particulars of some of the cash sweeps in the Colony:

THE DERBY.

South China A.A.	
Mrs. A. E. M. Rafeek	\$151,200.
Man Yuen	43,200
Man Fung Woe Co.	21,600
Chinese Club	
Mr. Wong Kam-fuk	\$100,800
Anonymous	28,800
Mr. Tse Man-kee	14,400
Kowloon Cricket Club	
Mr. S. Thompson	\$3,109.05
Cheung Mai & Co.	880.80
Amoy Syndicate	444.15

SWEEP ON COURSE.

First Prize Of \$7,140 Won By Mr. Wong Tak.

Both the first and second prizes in the Jockey Club's Derby sweep, drawn on the course, were sold during yesterday morning to Chinese.

Mr. Wong Tak bought ticket No. 1023—his only purchase—which drew Sittling Bull and won \$7,140. Another Chinese gentleman, who had several tickets—taken at random—held No. 1234 drew Young Pretender and won \$2,040.

Hong Kong Club.	
Mr. E. Cock	\$1,014.30
Mr. S. Baker	289.80
Messrs. Albaster, Hegarty & H. R. Sturt	144.90
Craigengower C.C.	
Mr. J. Hickie	\$ 630.00
Mr. G. Stephens	262.50
Mr. J. Smith	157.50
Esama Club.	
Leung Poh, Singapore	10,487
Wong Ah-ying, Singapore	16,937
Woe Kim-leung	16,454

THE CHAMPIONS.

Lusitano Club.	
1st Prize	\$27,775.00
2nd	7,790.00
3rd	3,895.00
Qualified ponies	2,160.00
Other ponies entered	2,160.00
Pony	
Chesapeake Bay	5021
Elliot Bay	11089
Bakers Bay	7654
Sitting Bull	928
Tangle	9129
Young Pretender	8556
Hair Apparent	6882
Bengal	7387
Festive Eve	9868
Chick To	4984
Little Sit Tang	8984
Peck	3562
Pickle	9881
Dumfries	9322
Warlordship	15201
O-Moon	4159
Meanwhile	2967
San Diego	7432
San Francisco (Late)	
San Francisco Bay	10298
Chatto	9882

STABLE FORM.

Owners and Jockeys the First Two Days.

Racing honours of the first two days were apportioned as follows:

Owners.	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. L. Dunbar	4	2	—
Mr. Eve	—	3	2
Mr. Dynasty	2	3	—
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes	—	—	1
Mr. E. M. Mackie	2	—	1
Mrs. E. L. Dunbar	2	—	—
Major Lake	2	—	—
Mr. H. Seth	1	2	—
Messrs. Stanton & Reidy	1	—	1
Mr. Moon	1	—	—
Mr. Hau Un	1	—	—
Mr. H. L. Yung	1	—	—
Mr. Luen Yick	1	—	—
Messrs. Dyer & Beith	1	—	—
Mr. H. P. White	1	—	—
Mr. Chan Tin-sion	2	—	—
Mr. R. M. Austin	2	—	—
Mrs. R. J. Paterson	1	2	—
Mr. E. J. Paterson	1	—	—
Mr. Ho Kom-tong	1	—	—
Dr. S. To Wong	1	—	—
Mr. C. T. C.	1	—	—
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin	1	—	—
Mr. George	1	—	—
Mr. F. Usher	1	—	—
Mr. K. H. K.	2	—	—
Mr. Hee Cheong	1	—	—
Mr. Wayfoong	1	—	—
Mr. Richardson	1	—	—
Mr. Priestley	1	—	—
Messrs. Usher & Reidy	1	—	—
Messrs. Hall & Shenton	1	—	—
Messrs. K. C. Lau & H. C. Lee	1	—	—
Messrs. Tester & Abraham	1	—	—

LOCAL SOCCER.

AMENDED PROGRAMME OF GAMES.

SHIELD COMPETITIONS.

In the senior division of the Hong Kong Shield Competition South China will play against R.A. on Thursday at Caroline Hill ground; kick off at 4.15 p.m. sharp. Referee: Mr. Willis; Linesmen, Messrs. F. Smith and W. E. Hollands.

On Saturday next there is the game between the K.O.S.B. and Chinese Athletic at Sookumpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Barber; Linesmen, Messrs. J. Gilbert and W. E. Hollands.

On the same day the match will take place between the Police and Recreation on the H.K. Club ground. Referee: Mr. Hyson; Linesmen, Messrs. W. Lamb and W. Mackie. Second Round matches in the Competition will also take place on Saturday as follows:

Senior at 4.15 p.m.
Kowloon v. R.A.F., on the Kowloon ground. Referee Capt. Austin, M.C.

Scots Guards v. R.A. or South China on Chatham Road ground. The junior matches will start at 2.30 p.m. as follows:

Kowloon v. Scots Guards on the Kowloon ground. Referee, Willis. Chinese Athletic v. South China "A" on the Club ground. Referee: Donaldu.

K.O.S.B. v. Recreation at Sookumpoo, Referee, Cowan. Queen's v. St. Joseph's at Chatham Road, Referee, Presley.

Saturday's League matches are:

Junior "A".

R.A. v. Club Reserves at Caroline Hill at 2.45 p.m.

Junior "B".

Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon at Caroline Hill at 4.15 p.m.

On Wednesday, February 22, the following matches in the Senior Shield, Second Round, will take place:

H.K. Club v. K.O.S.B. or Chinese Athletic on the Club ground. Recreation or Police v. Queen's Regt. on Recreation or St. Joseph's ground.

Extra time must be played in all Shield games if necessary.

HOME SOCCER.

TWO MATCHES IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

RANGERS GAIN A POINT.

London, Yesterday.

Two matches were played today in the Scottish Football League (division 1), home team given first, as follows:

St. Mirren 3, Rangers 3.

Celtic 3, Dundee 1.

The table to date follows:

	P.W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	27	19	5	3	83	43
Celtic	27	17	7	3	70	24
Motherwell	27	17	0	4	69	31
Hearts	27	17	4	7	78	38
St. Mirren	28	14	5	9	57	33
Kilmarnock	28	14	8	8	52	32
Aberdeen	28	14	9	12	54	31
Partick	28	13	5	10	67	49
Cowdenbeath	28	12	7	9	47	48
Falkirk	28	14	2	12	60	52
St. Johnstone	29	11	7	11	54	29
Hibernians	28	10	7	11	54	27
Dundee	28	10	4	14	47	24
Airdrie	28	7	9	12	41	26
Queen's Park	28	8	14	49	56	22
Clackmannan	27	8	2	17	34	21
City	28	7	5	16	35	22
Hamilton	28	7	4	17	48	24
Rath Rovers	26	6	5	15	43	17
Dumfries	27	3	22	30	95	9

OLYMPIC GAMES.

BRITISH CHAIRMAN APPEALS FOR FUNDS.

London, Yesterday.

Lord Rochdale, chairman of the Olympic Association, in appealing for a further \$5,000 in addition to the \$5,000 already collected in order to send a full team of 800 athletes to represent Britain at the Olympic Games at Amsterdam in August, says that unless this is forthcoming by the end of April Britain will be unable to participate in the games.—Reuter.

Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. Maitland	7	4	1
Mr. Heard	3	8	3
Mr. Haimovitch	3	8	1
Mr. Pote-Hunt	2	4	4
Mr. Charles	2	1	2
Mr. Usher	1	1	1
Mr. G. da Rosa	1	1	1
Mr. Wong	1	1	1
Mr. Stanton	1	—	—
Mr. Loo	1	—	—
Mr. Harriman	2	—	—
Mr. Bulteel	1	—	—
Mr. Erskine	1	—	—
Mr. Proulx	1	—	—
Mr. Sewell	1	—	—
Mr. Reidy	1	—	—

THE CHAMPIONS.

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Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tay 147 lbs.

(Mr. Durlacher)

Messrs. Kong Bros. Sea Front 155 lbs.

(Mr. Harriman)

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Spinner 163 lbs.

(Mr. Bulteel)

Mr. John Peel's Little River 160 lbs.

(Mr. Erskine)

Mr. Seth's Erstwhile 156 lbs.

(Mr. Heard)

Mr. H. L. Yung's Galopin 147 lbs.

(Mr. Liang)

Time: 3.28.4/5.

1/4 length; 1/2 length.

Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$149.20;

Places: 1st \$22.00; 2nd \$11.70;

3rd \$7.20.

5.—AMERICAN CUP.—presented by American citizens resident in Hong Kong, with \$400 added for winner, second \$200, third \$100, for China Ponies bona fide griffins of this meeting, weight for griffins as per scale; winners of one race 5 lbs., of two races 7 lbs., of three or more races 10 lbs. extra; subject to griffin of this meeting allowed 5 lbs. (Jockey allowance, entrance \$10. About 7 furlong, 55 yards.

Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve 155 lbs.

(Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. L. Dunbar's Coos Bay 153 lbs.

(Mr. Maitland)

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and C. Gordon Mackie's Peck 163 lbs.

(Mr. Erskine)

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Boukka 155 lbs.

(Mr. Bulteel)

Time: 1.53.4/5.

2 lengths; 2 1/4 lengths.

Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$12.60;

Places: 1st \$6.40; 2nd \$6.30.

6.—PHAEATHON STAKES.—"A" Class Handicap, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies that have run at any extra meeting during 1927 and griffins on date of entry, non-starters at this meeting barred, entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dynasty's Young Pretender 162 lbs.

(Mr. Haimovitch)

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele 155 lbs.

(Mr. Bulteel)

Mr. "K. H." S. Chemical 143 lbs.

(Mr. Harriman)

Mr. K. H. Kay's Comrade 163 lbs.

(Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall 153 lbs.

(Mr. Wong)

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Artistic Hall 152 lbs.

(Mr. G. da Rosa)

Time: 2.39.3/5.

1 1/4 lengths; 4 lengths.

Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$7.60;

Places: 1st \$6.30; 2nd \$7.40; 3rd \$10.90.

7.—LEIGHTON HILL STAKES.—winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies, subscription griffins of this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, winners 5 lbs. penalty, jockey allowance, entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Eve's Gala Eve 158 lbs.

(Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. Moon's O-Moon 163 lbs.

(Mr. Wong)

Mr. H. L. Yung's Chatto 152 lbs.

(Mr. Usher)

Mr. Carlifred's Madeira 155 lbs.

(Mr. G. da Rosa)

Mr. C. T. C.'s Southern Stag 155 lbs.

(Mr. Harriman)

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Dundee 155 lbs.

(Mr. Reidy)

Messrs. Abraham and Tester's Bing Boy 155 lbs.

(Mr. Maitland)

Mr. Spilt's Bootlegger 141 lbs.

(Mr. Harriman)

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter 140 lbs.

(Mr. Stanton)

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel 152 lbs.

(Mr. Reidy)

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle 162 lbs.

(Mr. Heard)

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's Gnome 146 lbs.

(Mr. Sewell)

Time: 2.43.4/5.

1 1/4 lengths; 1/2 length.

Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$48.20;

Places: 1st \$17.20; 2nd \$32.00;

3rd \$39.40.

10.—CONSOLATION STAKES.—winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. K. H. Kay's Captain 158 lbs.

(Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight 156 lbs.

(Mr. Heard)

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Goblin 155 lbs.

(Mr. Sewell)

Mr. R. M. Austin's Fire Call 150 lbs.

(Mr. Wallace)

Mr. R. M. Austin's District Call 153 lbs.

(Mr. Durlacher)

Mr. N. Hashim's Chick To 151 lbs.

(Mr. Charles)

Mr. Hee Cheong's Waichow 149 lbs.

(Mr. Erskine)

Mr. R. J. Paterson's August 155 lbs.

(Mr. Bulteel)

Dr. S. To Wong's Grey Eyes (late Horner) 155 lbs.

(Mr. G. da Rosa)

Time: 2.08.

4 lengths; 5 lengths.

Parl-mutuel:—Winner \$13.10;

Places: 1st \$6.40; 2nd \$6.10; 3rd \$9.70.

11.—NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. Eve's Twilight Eve 155 lbs.

(Mr. Pote-Hunt)

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and C. Gordon Mackie's Peter 156 lbs.

(Mr. Heard)

Mr. C. T. C.'s Northern Stag 155 lbs.

(Mr. Harriman)

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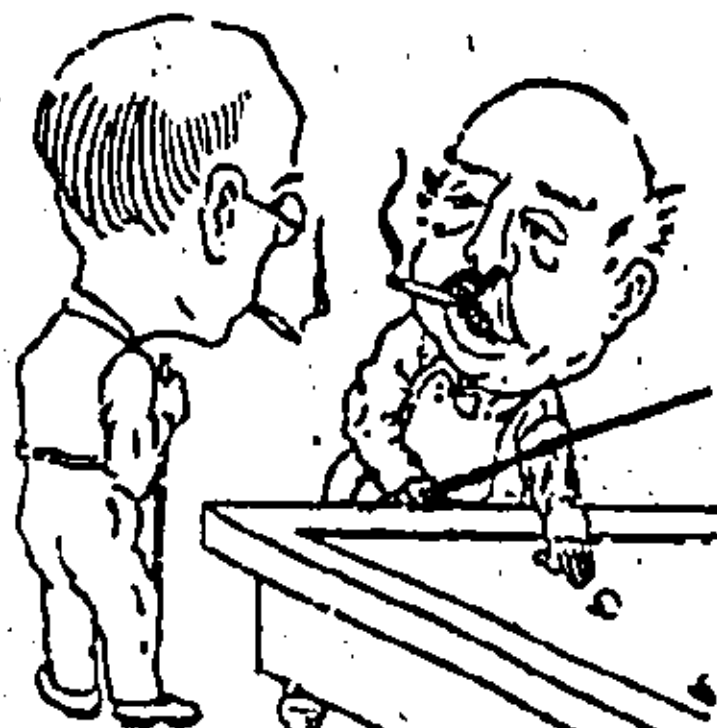
EARLY RETIREMENT OF MR.
WHITLEY.

LOSS TO THE COMMONS.

Members of all political parties in the House of Commons will regret the decision of Mr. H. Whitley to retire from the Chair of the House during the next session of Parliament. Mr. Speaker's decision is by no means unexpected, says the "Times of Ceylon." He was appointed to the high office of Speaker in 1911 and re-appointed in December, 1924. During the past six years he has had some unusually difficult tasks to perform. It must be admitted, reluctant though we may be to face the fact, that the House of Commons has degenerated considerably during recent years. The conduct of some of the members has been such that the present Speaker, whose duty it is to enforce the observance of the rules laid down for preserving order in the proceedings of the House, has been called upon to exercise his authority on several occasions. In fact, it is not too much to say that there have been incidents in the House quite recently which, but for the firm attitude taken up by the Speaker, would have resulted in a severe blow to the prestige of the Mother Parliament. Mr. Whitley has proved himself to be the ideal Speaker. He has invested his office with unusual dignity and has displayed seemingly inexhaustible patience. Some of his critics maintain that his only defect is his surpassing gentleness, of which the most unruly members of the House are wont to take unfair advantage. That is hardly fair criticism. Behind Mr. Speaker's broad tolerance there is a firmness, a faithfulness to tradition and a scrupulous fairness in the interpretation of the rules of the House which, in practice, have proved far more effective than the biting comments and sharp rebukes of the former Speaker, Mr. L. W. Lowther (now Viscount Ullswater). More cannot be said of Mr. J. H. Whitley than that he is especially endowed with those gifts which make an English gentleman and a Parliamentarian of the old type. He has discharged his onerous duties fairly and with credit not only to himself, but to the traditions of the Speakership. It is not surprising that he should desire to relinquish office as soon as possible. Few Speakers of the

House of Commons have been subjected to the same trying experiences as those to which Mr. Whitley was made an unwilling party. If tradition is followed the retiring Speaker will be created a peer, possibly with the rank of Viscount and will be given a pension of £4,000. Two names, we learn, have been mentioned in connection with the appointment of the new Speaker, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., Solicitor-General of the present Government, and Captain Edward A. Fitzroy, the Deputy Chairman of the House, are expected to submit their names for election. Although it is almost a tradition that the Chairman of Committees or the Deputy-Chairman should be chosen to fill the office of Speaker in the event of a vacancy occurring, it is by no means certain that this custom will be followed in the present case. Sir Thomas Inskip, should he decide to submit his name for election, is likely to secure a large measure of support. On the other hand, Captain Fitzroy has had more experience in the conduct of the business of Parliament than the present Solicitor-General. Both gentlemen are admirably qualified by Parliamentary experience and by temperament for the Speakership.

Sir Hubert Carr, senior partner of Balmer Lawrie, Calcutta, has retired after more than 30 years in India. Sir Hubert rendered important service to the European Association of which he was president from 1922-25.



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The "Times of Malaya" states that Mr. F. A. Fendall, formerly Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Surveys, Malacca, succeeds Mr. J. H. Spowers at Kuala Kangsar when the latter goes on transfer to Johore Bahru.

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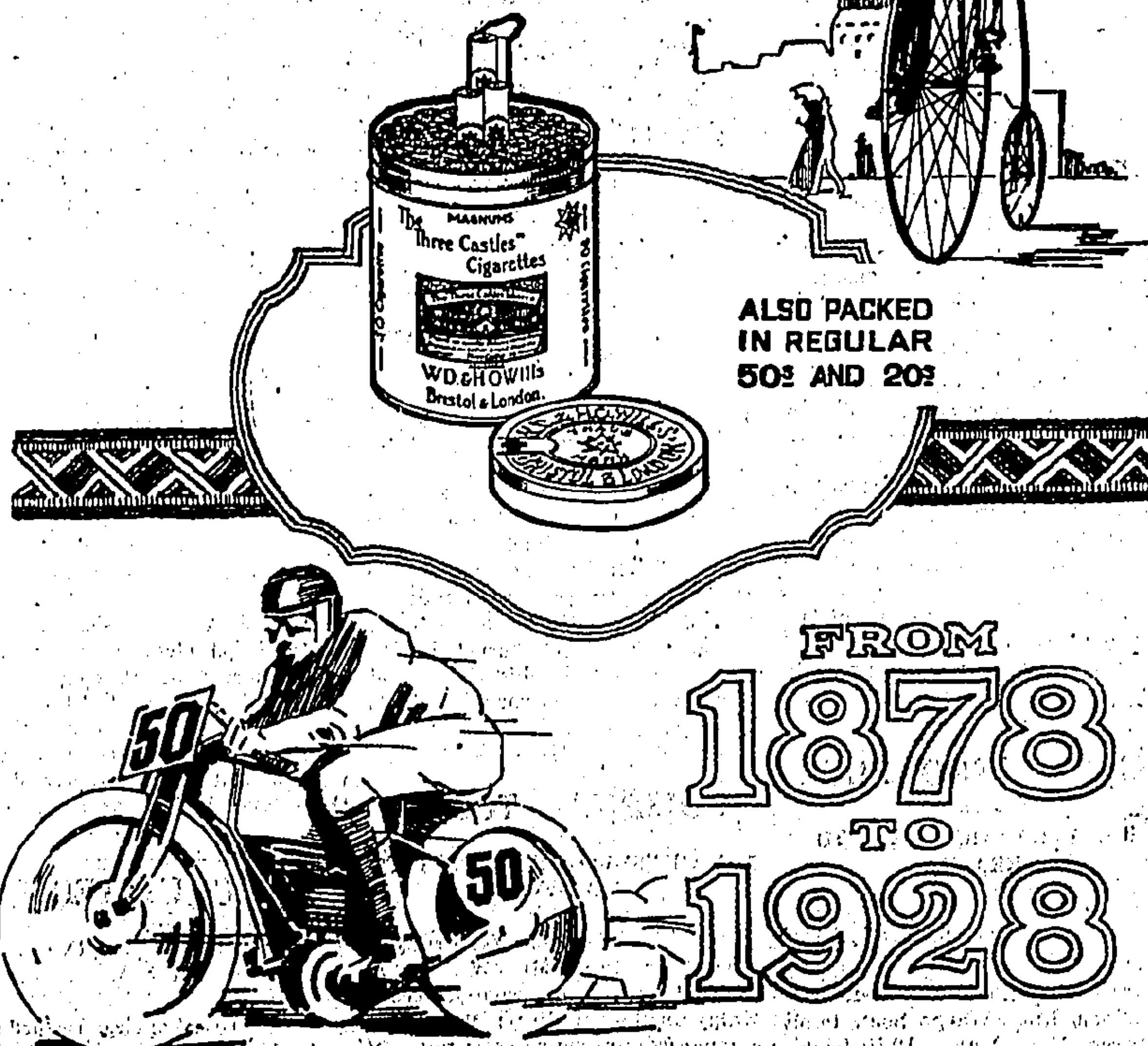
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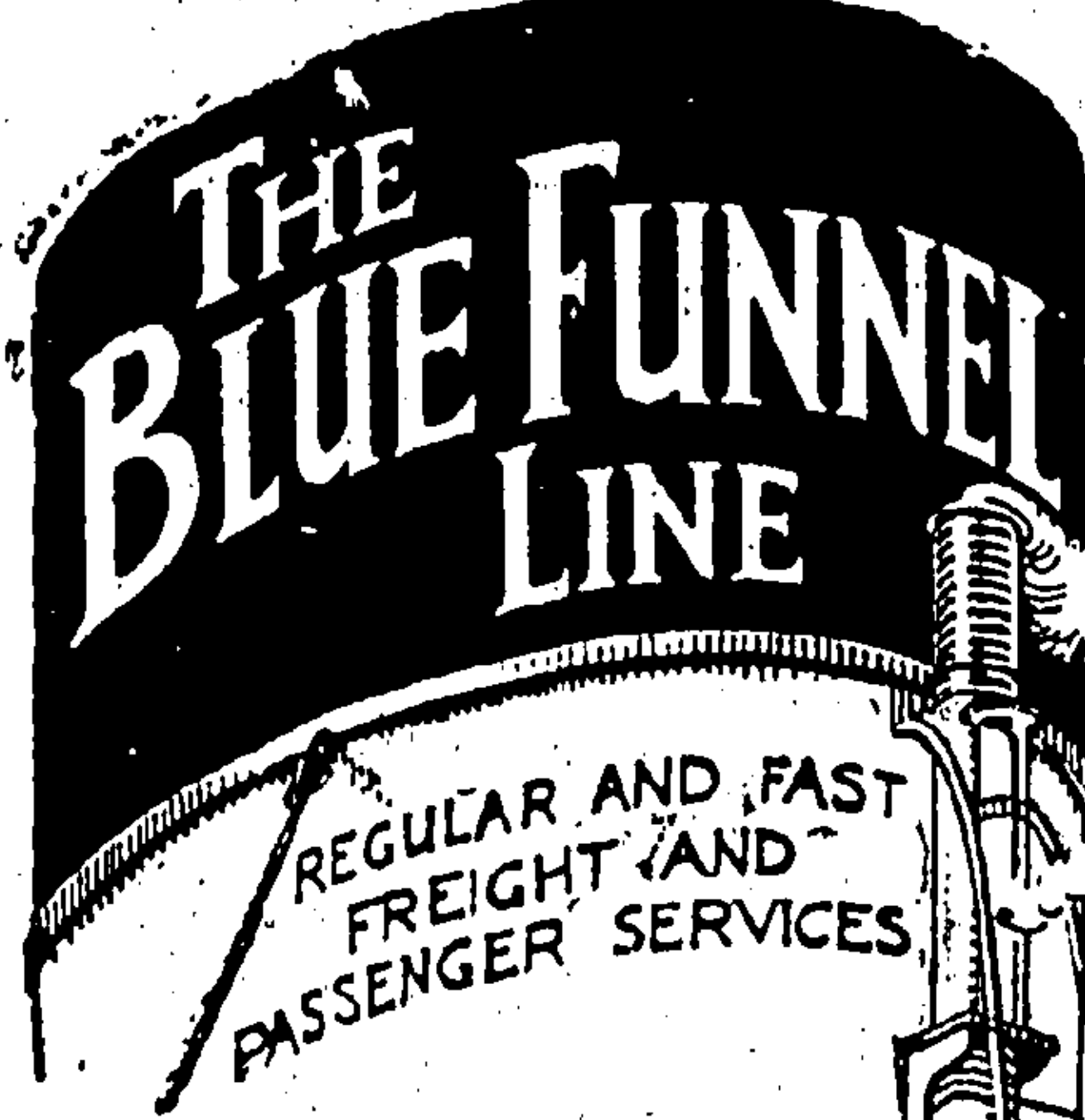
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
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Shanghai	Hector.	
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For	Per	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16		
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Chun Chih	1.30 p.m.
Formosa	West Cusseta	2.30 p.m.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17		
Amoy	Fook Sang	5 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fookchow	Hoi Ning	1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kashmir	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Mar. K.P.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (18th Feb.) 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O.—Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (18th Feb.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Khyber.	
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chenan	10 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Shantung	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19		
Swatow Amoy & Formosa	Kaijo Maru	9 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	9 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20		
Shanghai & Japan	Hukono Maru	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon	Kun Sang	
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Amoy		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

ON GUNPOWDER.

U. S. Navy Secretary Hits Out.

RESENTS CRITICISMS.

Government Being Bombarded With Protests.

Indianapolis, Yesterday. In a speech, Mr. Wilbur, Navy Secretary, admitted that the United States Government were "being bombarded with telegrams, letters and resolutions expressing horror" at the Nine-Year Building Programme at a cost of \$740,000,000. Mr. Wilbur, however, strongly deprecated such criticisms of the Administration's policy and declared that the women of America spent over twice that amount on cosmetics in a single year. He remarked that there were times when gunpowder was more valuable than face-powder.—Reuter's American Service.

WIRELESS ALARM.

AUTO DEVICE TESTED IN HONG KONG.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL.

A demonstration of the Marconi Auto Alarm Device was carried out on board the s.s. "City of Peking" in Hong Kong harbour yesterday. The tests were arranged by The Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd., by permission of the Government Wireless Authority, and took place in the presence of representatives of shipping companies and a Government Wireless Inspector. The Alarm Device was explained and demonstrated by the ship's Wireless Operator, Mr. C. W. H. Ashwin, and the tests proved highly satisfactory, the instrument responding accurately to the calls sent out by the Radio Station at Cape d'Agulhar at an arranged time.

It may be explained that the object of this instrument is to enable the attention of any ship to be called to a Distress Signal, although a Wireless Operator is not on watch at the time. Ships which do not provide for a certified Operator to be at the Wireless Instruments continuously, may by means of the Auto Alarm Device, ensure that no Distress Call is missed.

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NEW CARGO LINE.

U.S. ATLANTIC PORTS TO BRAZIL.

Washington, Yesterday. The United States Shipping Board has approved the establishment of a line of cargo boats to ply between New York, Philadelphia and other Atlantic ports and Brazil. The Columbian Steamship Line of New York will operate the new line.—Reuter.

The usual monthly meeting of the Committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, at 2.30 p.m.

SUDAN RISING.

Echo of Fergusson Murder.

TRIBESMEN PUNISHED.

Military Forces And Aircraft Take Part.

Khartum, Yesterday. An official communique states that the military operations against the Nuer Nuong tribesmen after the murder of Capt. Fergusson have virtually ended. Aircraft which flew over the Lake Jorj district inflicted heavy casualties on the Nuer herds, with the result that the enemy speedily began to surrender in increasing numbers.

Meanwhile, isolated parties of young men in attempting to break through a cordon were damaged by bombs and rifle fire. All active hostility has now broken down and aeroplanes have returned to Khartum.

The troops are withdrawing except one company which at present is remaining at Lake Jorj.—Reuter. [Captain Fergusson was the District Commissioner at Bahr, in the Elghazal Province of Soudan. He was murdered together with a Greek merchant by Nuer tribesmen. The murder took place near Lake Jorj, north of Shambe, while the Commissioner and his companion were returning to the Dinka tribe with some cattle which the Nuer tribesmen had stolen.]

In addition to Capt. Fergusson and the Greek merchant, Panalopoulos, two Arab merchants and several servants and carriers were killed.

FORGED NOTES?

Yesterday Inspector Fallon executed a search warrant at No. 88, Bowring Street, Yaumati, and seized 17 alleged forged bank notes. A Chinese man and his wife were arrested.

NOT SO BAD.

Home Unemployment Problem.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

Employment Steadier Now Than For 20 Years.

London, Yesterday. The unemployment situation was reviewed from a new standpoint by the Prime Minister in a speech in the Commons' debate on the Labour amendment to the Address last night.

He pointed out that it was misleading to speak of one million unemployed as such as quite half of those officially recorded as unemployed were occasionally in work and a good proportion of the remainder had good hopes of getting employment, although perhaps in other industries. This problem of transference was at present of chief importance.

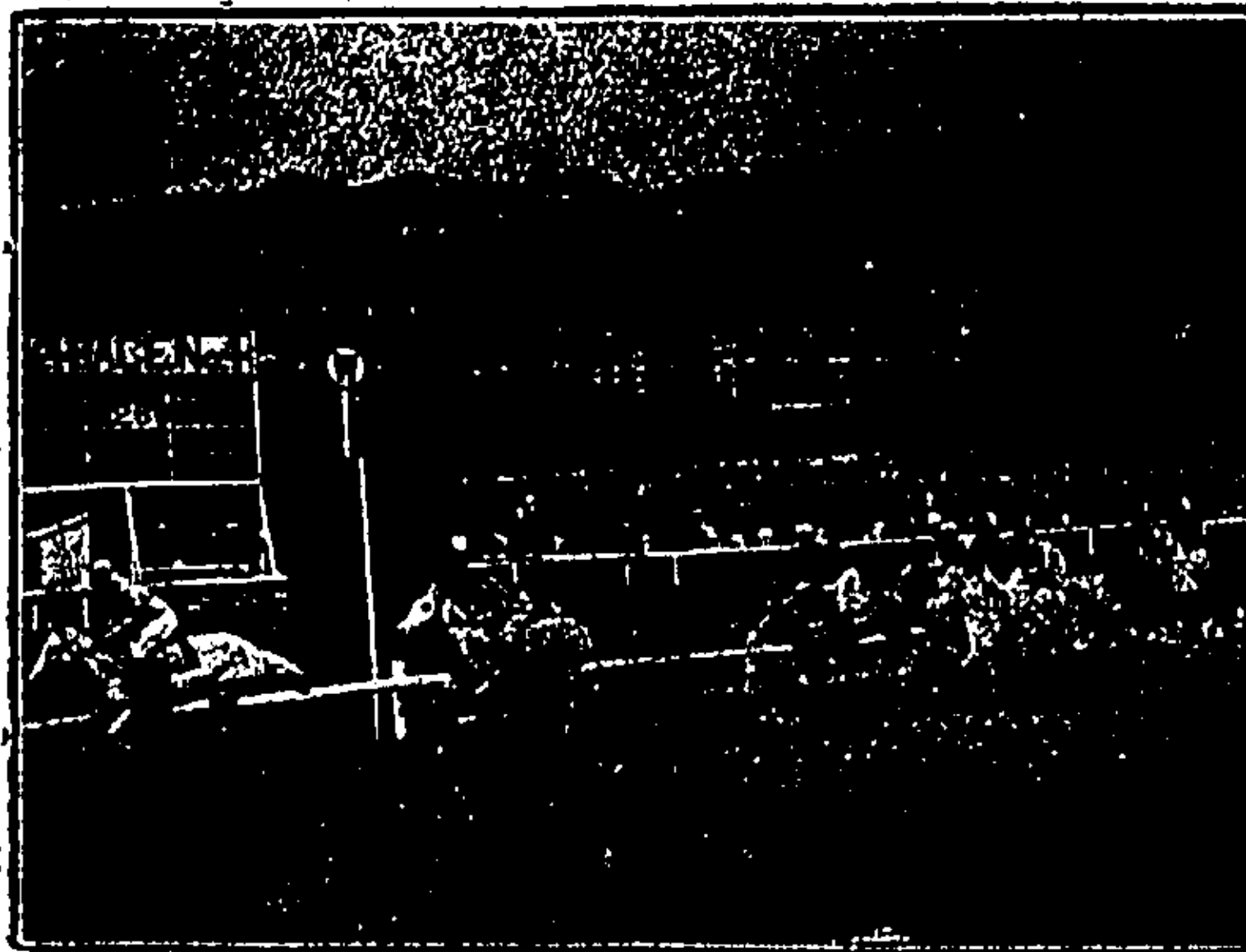
Half a million more men and women were in employment now than before the war and apart from blank spots employment had not been steadier for twenty years. Having referred to the tendency of industrial development to move from the north to the Midlands and South of England he said that there was hope in new or expanding industries.—British Wireless Service.

In America.

New York, Yesterday. It is estimated that there are 5,000 unemployed—and the number is increasing—in New York City. Free lodging houses, most of which had been closed for some years have re-opened, and the "bread-lines" yesterday were the longest since 1916. Hundreds of men lined up for hours in the bitter cold to obtain coffee and bread from the missions.

New York City is confronted with the acutest unemployment problem in the States except in the mining areas of Pennsylvania and Ohio.—Reuter's American Service.

AT THE RACES.



Dumfries Winning the Sub. Griffins' Challenge Cup yesterday from Erstwhile.

LATE EARL HAIG.

PUBLICATION OF HIS WAR DIARIES.

London, Yesterday. The will of the late Earl Haig was lodged in Edinburgh to-day. He authorises his trustees to publish his war diaries at such a time as they think fit and until such time as Lady Haig and one of the trustees are to retain custody of the diaries. He expressed a special wish to be buried in the parish in which his home at Bemeyside was situated.—British Wireless Service.

COLONIAL TOUR.

MR. ORMSBY GORE'S VISIT TO MALAYA.

London, Yesterday. The Rt. Hon. Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore is expected to reach Malaya in the middle of March accompanied by representatives of the Colonial Office and the Empire Marketing Board. They will visit Penang, Singapore and Java, and return via Ceylon.—Reuter.

The "Shunpao" reports that the Cantonese authorities are going to claim an indemnity from Soviet Russia for the damage caused and the lives lost during the recent Communist uprising.

LL-G. SUGGESTION.

AN ECONOMIC GENERAL STAFF.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons has agreed to the address in reply to the speech from the Throne and rejected the Liberal amendment by 310 votes to 140 demanding further measures to develop national resources to deal with unemployment and solve the slum problem.

Mr. Lloyd George suggested the establishment of an economic general staff and thought that if certain things were done Britain would not only recover her old position but would transcend anything ever before achieved.—Reuter.

ACQUITTED.

MEXICANS IN U.S.A.

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